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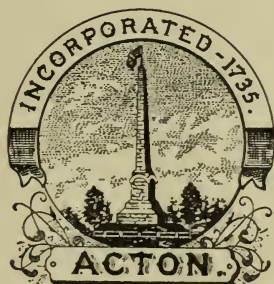
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1915.

Selectmen.

Nicholas SamselTerm expires 1917
 Charles J. HoltonTerm expires 1918
 Edward Z. StanleyTerm expires 1916

Town Clerk

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

Frank W. Hoit

Assessors

William F. StevensTerm expires 1917
 James B. TuttleTerm expires 1918
 William F. KelleyTerm expires 1916

Overseers of the Poor

William F. Kelley Edward Z. Stanley Fred S. Whitcomb

Collector of Taxes

William F. Stevens

Tree Warden

James O'Neil

Constables

John T. McNiff
 William F. Stevens

Charles A. Taylor
 Oliver D. Wood

Field Drivers

Albert H. Perkins
Benjamin Ineson

Alfred S. Carey
Charles A. Taylor

Fence Viewers

Charles J. Holton Nicholas Samsel Edward Z. Stanley

Cemetery Commissioners

Julian Tuttle	Term expires 1918
Fred W. Green	Term expires 1917
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1916

School Committee

Edwin A. Phalen	Term expires 1917
Herbert W. Lewis	Term expires 1918
Bertram E. Hall	Term expires 1916

Trustees of Memorial Library

(Chosen by the Town)

J. Sidney White	.....	Term expires	1917
Lucius A. Hesselton	.....	Term expires	1918
Horace F. Tuttle	.....	Term expires	1916

Board of Health

Edwin A. Phalen	Term expires 1917
Frank E. Tasker	Term expires 1918
Edward C. Page	Term expires 1916

Finance Committee

James B. Tuttle	Edgar H. Hall
Asaph Merriam	Arthur M. Whitcomb
Horace F. Tuttle	

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

Supt. of Streets

Albert H. Perkins

Town Accountant

Howard L. Jones

Registrars of Voters

Samuel A. GuilfordTerm expires 1916

James McGreenTerm expires 1918

George E. HoltonTerm expires 1917

Horace F. Tuttle, ex-officio

Election Officers

Precinct 1

WardenJames W. Coughlin

Deputy WardenEdwin A. Phalen

ClerkHorace F. Tuttle

Deputy ClerkMoses E. Taylor

InspectorArthur F. Davis

Deputy InspectorWillis L. Holden

InspectorElmer C. Cheney

Deputy InspectorMoses A. Reed

InspectorWilliam H. Kingsley

Deputy InspectorJohn S. White

Precinct 2

WardenL. A. Hesselton

Deputy WardenT. F. Newton

ClerkLorenzo E. Reed

Deputy Clerk	Anson C. Piper
Inspector	L. C. Hastings
Deputy Inspector	Frank A. Merriam
Inspector	Constance O'Neil
Deputy Inspector	Nelson J. Cole
Inspector	J. S. Moore
Deputy Inspector	George E. Clapp

Precinct 3

Warden	Charles J. Holton
Deputy Warden	Eugene L. Hall
Clerk	William F. Kelley
Deputy Clerk	William L. Tenney
Inspector	Fred S. Whitcomb
Deputy Inspector	C. H. Mead
Inspector	David T. Kinsley
Deputy Inspector	John T. McNiff
Inspector	Charles A. Durkee
Deputy Inspector	Bertram E. Hall

Cattle Inspector

Fred S. Whitcomb

Fire Engineers

Precinct 1

William H. Kingsley, Chief, for the Town

Dexter L. Spinney, 1st Asst. Arthur F. Harris, 2d Asst.

Precinct 2

James P. Brown, 1st Asst. W. H. Jones, 2d Asst.
Nelson J. Cole, 3d Asst.

Precinct 3

Wm. J. Benere, 1st Asst. Edgar T. Rice, 2d Asst.
Wm. J. Costello, 3d Asst.

Forest Warden

Wm. H. Kingsley

Deputy Forest Wardens

All the above named assistant Fire Engineers

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

J. W. Dupee	Bertram D. Hall	E. C. Cheney
Charles E. Smith	Frank A. Merriam	

Public Weighers

J. P. Fletcher	M. E. Taylor	E. C. Cheney	E. F. Conant
Thomas Hearon	George H. Reed	Wm. H. Teele	

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Lowell H. Cram

Supt. of Moth Work

James O'Neil

Police Officers

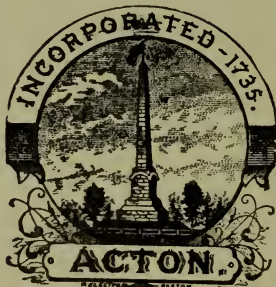
Charles A. Taylor	Herbert H. Moore	Oliver D. Wood
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Inspector of Slaughter Houses

Charles A. Dudley

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.



To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton, in the
County aforesaid. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Acton aforesaid, who are qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs therein, to meet in the town hall, in said town, on Monday, the sixth day of March, 1916, at nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following named town officers, to wit: One town clerk for one year; one selectman for three years; one selectman for one year (to fill unexpired term); three overseers of the poor for one year; one town treasurer for one year; five members of the finance committee for one year; one collector of taxes for one year; one tree warden for one year; four

constables for one year; four field drivers for one year; three fence viewers for one year; one assessor for three years; one assessor for one year (to fill unexpired term); one trustee of the Memorial library for three years; one member of the school committee for three years; one cemetery commissioner for three years; one member of the board of health for three years. Also on the same ballot to vote "Yes" or "No" on the following question, viz: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" The polls will be opened at 9.30 a. m., and may be closed at 4 p. m.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers not named in Article 2, and to fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the various town officers.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting, that have not already reported.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town.

Article 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for the due observance of Memorial day.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle.

Article 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to oil the streets in the villages of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires, and fix the price, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the employes of the town, or do or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the fire departments, or do or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money not exceeding \$500, towards the water main that is to connect Woodlawn cemetery with the town water system, or do or act anything thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the State road at a point a few rods east of the house of A. W. Davis, to the house of G. T. Sisson (known as the Gould farm), or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to have the hands and figures on three faces of the town clock gold-leafed.

Article 19. To see what action the town will take in reference to securing the removal of the partially burned building situated on the hotel property in Acton Center.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to spend fifteen hundred dollars of the money raised and appropriated for highways, for the repair of the so-called Lowell road, from the Great road to the place where it was repaired last year; provided the state and county will each appropriate like amounts for said road, or take any action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to close or discontinue the two pieces of road leading from the so-called Daniel Tuttle road, one by Dr. Allen's house, and the other crossing over by the town hall.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to have the old stone watering trough that stands at the old town pump moved to some other part of the town, where it can be used for the public's benefit. And appropriate a sum of money for doing the same.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to tint the walls and ceilings of the town hall, including ante rooms, and paint the woodwork, patch the plastering and such

other work to make the job complete. And appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 24. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for payment of premium on treasurer and collector, or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm, or act anything thereon.

And you are hereby commanded to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereon in each of the post offices and railroad stations in said town, and one in each of the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., W. E. Whitcomb, M. E. Taylor & Co., Tuttle & Newton, Finney & Hoit, George H. Reed, in said town, and one at the Nagog House, in said town, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, or the selectmen, at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Acton, this twenty-first day of February, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and sixteen.

NICHOLAS SAMSEL,
EDWARD Z. STANLEY,
CHARLES J. HOLTON,
Selectmen of Acton.

Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting, February 4, 1915

Article 1. To choose a moderator to perside at said meeting.

William H. Kingsley was chosen moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Voted: That the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and is hereby authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1915, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Voted: To adjourn.

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, March 29, 1915

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for town officers, also to vote on the question "shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The following town officers were chosen:

Town Clerk—Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectman—Charles J. Holton, for three years.

Assessor—James B. Tuttle.

Overseers of the Poor—William F. Kelley, Edward Z. Stanley, Fred S. Whitcomb.

Treasurer—Frank W. Hoit.

Collector of Taxes—William F. Stevens.

Constables—John T. McNiff, William F. Stevens, Oliver D. Wood, Charles A. Taylor.

Field Drivers—Albert H. Perkins, Benjamin Ineson, Alfred S. Carey, Charles A. Taylor.

Fence Viewers—Charles J. Holton, Nicholas Samsel, Edward Z. Stanley.

School Committee—Herbert W. Lewis.

Cemetery Commissioner—Julian Tuttle.

Board of Health—Frank E. Tasker.

Trustee of Memorial Library—Lucius Hesselton.

Tree Warden—James O'Neil.

Finance Committee—James B. Tuttle, Edgar H. Hall, Asaph Merriam, Horace F. Tuttle, Arthur M. Whitcomb.

On the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

65 voted yes

220 voted no

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers not named in Article 2, and to fix the salaries of all town officers.

Voted: To instruct the selectmen to appoint surveyors of lumber, wood, hoops and staves.

Chose I. Warren Flagg trustee of the Goodnow Fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the tax collector be one per centum of the amount collected, and that he perform all the duties hitherto performed by said officer.

Voted: That the salary of the treasurer be two hundred dollars (\$200) per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the selectmen be one hundred dollars (\$100) per annum and the other members, fifty dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the superintendent of streets be fixed by the selectmen.

Voted: That the board of health be instructed to appoint only one school physician and that the salary of said physician be fixed at fifty dollars per annum.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, library trustees, and other town officers.

Voted: To accept the reports of the several town officers.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting, that have not already reported.

Mr. E. F. Richardson, for the committee appointed at the annual meeting March 30, 1914, to consider the matter of placing the name of Luther Blanchard upon the Davis Monument, reported that the committee unanimously recommended that the names of all the members of Capt. Isaac Davis' company be placed upon the monument.

Voted: To accept the report.

Voted: That the same committee be instructed to carry out the recommendations made in their report and that a

sum not exceeding seventy-five dollars (\$75) be appropriated to defray the expense.

Mr. James B. Tuttle made a report for the Finance committee which report was accepted.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town.

Voted: To raise for

Repairing roads and bridges, including the oiling of roads	\$5,000.00
Memorial Library, current expenses	450.00
Purchase of books	200.00
Schools	15,000.00
Hydrant service	2,700.00
Street lighting	2,700.00
Voted: To appropriate for street lighting	-
the unexpended balance of last year ..	821.37
Voted to appropriate for	
Salaries of Town officers	1,800.00
Buildings and grounds, including painting	
Town hall	425.00
Police department	150.00
Fire department	400.00
Brush fires	200.00
Board of Health	500.00
Town farm	500.00
Outside poor	1,000.00
Military aid	50.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Printing	250.00
Snow bills	200.00
Unclassified	500.00
Reserve fund	1,500.00
Special committee on street lighting	75.00
Insurance of Town employees	100.00

Voted: To reappropriate for the enforcement of the

liquor laws the unexpended balance in the treasury (\$927.55).

Voted: To raise for Memorial Day (\$100.00).

Voted: To raise for Moth work the sum required by the State law.

Article 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the due observance of Memorial Day.

Voted: To raise one hundred dollars (\$100).

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor laws, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To reappropriate the unexpended balance of last year.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle.

A motion to pass over the article did not prevail.

A motion to appropriate ten dollars did not prevail.

No further action taken.

Article 10. To see what action the town will take in reference to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

Voted: To raise the sum required by state law.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take to raise and appropriate \$150, for the George Washington Memorial building, Washington, D. C.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

Voted: That all taxes shall be payable not later than October 15, 1915, and on all taxes remaining unpaid after November 1, 1915, interest shall be charged at the rate of six per cent per annum from October 15, 1915 until such taxes are paid.

Voted: That poll and personal taxes only be payable on demand.

Voted: That the collector shall issue summons for all poll and personal taxes only, remaining unpaid September 1,

and that the collector shall collect all taxes committed to him within the municipal year in which they are assessed.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to oil the streets through the villages of the town or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the selectmen be instructed to oil the roads the same as last year.

Article 14. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires, and fix price; or act anything thereon.

Voted: That twenty-five cents per hour be paid for fighting brush fires; this vote to be effective until rescinded.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to rescind the action providing for the election of selectmen by rotation for periods of three years, and revert to the system of simultaneous election for the period of one year, as provided under certain acts of the Revised Laws.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to establish and maintain four (4) electric lights near the house of Isaac W. Flagg, to land of the Commonwealth, near the house of Patrick O'Neil, appropriate money for the same or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to organize a fire department, appoint engineers, and establish the pay of firemen; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the selectmen be instructed to organize a fire department and appoint engineers.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the fire department; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate \$400.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to expend one-fifth of the appropriation for roads to improve the Lowell road from the State road to the end of the town line and to allow the removal and setting up of the stone crusher, if

necessary, to be used in said work; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: That one-fifth of the appropriation for roads and bridges be expended for the improvement of the Lowell road from the State highway to the town line and the Carlisle road from the Lowell road to the Acton-Carlisle town line.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to choose or authorize the appointment of a special committee to investigate the various matters connected with the present street lighting system, the furnishing of electric current to private individuals within the town, the expediency of the town's voting to engage in the business of supplying electricity for light and power, and any other matters relating to the foregoing; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: That a committee of five be appointed to investigate the matters mentioned in the article and report at the next annual meeting.

Voted: That the moderator be the chairman of this committee and that the remaining members of the committee be appointed by the moderator.

The following were appointed as the committee: Allen Brooks Parker, chairman; John S. White; William Rawitser; Nelson J. Cole, Waldo E. Whitcomb.

Voted: To appropriate \$75 for the use of the committee.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the employees of the town; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate \$100.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to change the date of holding the annual town meeting; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted to change the date of the annual town meeting to the first Monday in March.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road leading from the house of Mrs. Gertrude C.

Daniels to the house of Lyman Tuttle; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to choose or authorize the appointment of a special committee to prepare and draft by-laws and report at the next annual town meeting; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the moderator appoint a committee of three to consider the matter of by-laws and report to the town such as they deem expedient.

The moderator appointed Horace F. Tuttle, Nicholas Samsel and Arthur M. Whitcomb the committee on by-laws.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to dispose of the fire apparatus at South Acton; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the selectmen be instructed to dispose of the hand fire engine at South Acton.

Voted: That the selectmen be instructed to use such amount of the proceeds from the sale of said engine as they deem expedient for new equipment at South Acton.

Proceedings of the Special Town Meeting, September 2, 1915

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for the support of schools; the purchase of school books and supplies; the expense of operating the school plants; repairs and improvements upon school buildings and grounds; the transportation of scholars and for other expenses relating to the maintenance of the school department; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate the unexpended balance of last year for the support of schools.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the tuition and transportation of scholars taking the agricultural course at the Concord high school; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate \$277.95 to pay the amount due the Town of Concord for tuition of pupils who have taken the Agricultural course at the Concord high school.

Voted that the school committee be instructed to pay the transportation of pupils taking the Agricultural course in the Concord high school and pupils attending the Lowell Industrial school.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for the support and maintenance of the town farm; or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: That \$300 be transferred from the reserve fund to the appropriation for the maintenance of the town farm, to be returned as soon as possible.

On motion of Luther Conant it was voted that the town assume the support and care of Misses Susan and Martha Oliver, that they be cared for in the same manner that they now are, and that the sum of \$170 be appropriated to meet the expense for the remainder of the financial year.

Article 5. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money for any of the purposes named in this warrant.

Voted: To pass over the article.

State Election, November 2, 1915

Party designations: D., Democratic; Prog., Progressive; R., Republican; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; P., Prohibition.

	Precincts			Total
	1	2	3	
Whole number of ballots cast ...	116	155	166	437

Governor

Nelson B. Clark, Prog.	2	5	5	12
Walter S. Hutchins, S.	0	1	0	1
Samuel W. McCall, R.	95	111	125	331
Peter O'Rourke, S. L.	0	0	1	1
William Shaw, P.	2	7	2	11
David I. Walsh, D.	17	22	31	70
Blanks	0	9	2	11

Lieutenant Governor

Edward P. Barry, D.	16	27	26	69
Calvin Cooldige, R.	97	116	132	345
Alfred H. Evans, P.	1	4	3	8
James Hayes, S. L.	0	1	0	1
Chester R. Lawrence, Prog.	1	3	0	4
Samuel P. Levenberg, S.	0	0	0	0
Blanks	1	4	5	10

Secretary

Edwin A. Grosvenor, D.	16	24	24	64
Albert P. Langtry, R.	93	120	130	343
Thomas J. Maher, S. L.	1	2	0	3
Marion E. Sproule, S.	0	0	1	1
Willard O. Wylie, P.	1	4	1	6
Blanks	5	5	10	20

Treasurer

Henry L. Bowles, D.	14	24	23	61
Charles L. Burrill, R.	95	121	132	348
Charles E. Fenner, S.	0	1	0	1
William E. Marks, P.	1	5	0	6
Jeremiah P. McNally, S. L.	0	0	0	0
Blanks	6	4	11	21

Auditor

Alonzo B. Cook, R.	92	118	122	332
James W. Holden, S. L.	0	2	0	2
Henry C. Iram, S.	0	0	0	0
Jacob C. Morse, D.	14	24	22	60
William G. Rogers, P.	1	6	1	8
Blanks	9	5	21	35

Attorney General

Henry C. Atwill, R.	95	117	126	338
Frank Auchter, P.	2	5	3	10
Joseph Joyce Donahue, D.	13	20	21	54
John McCarthy, S.	0	2	0	2
William Taylor, S. L.	0	0	0	0
Blanks.	6	11	16	33

Councillor

Joseph H. McNally, D.	14	25	24	63
Henry C. Mulligan, R.	91	112	121	324
Blanks	11	18	21	50

Senator

Frederick W. Burke, D.	14	24	27	65
Charles A. Kimball, R.	95	125	133	353
Blanks	7	6	6	19

Representative in General Court

Edgar H. Hall, R.	98	125	138	361
Blanks	18	30	26	74
Scattering	0	0	2	2

County Commissioner

Alfred L. Cutting, R.....	88	115	122	325
John Lathrop Dyer, N. P.	4	1	3	8
George A. Goodwin, Prog.	1	6	2	9
Michael M. O'Connor, D.	10	19	18	47
William H. Walsh, N. P.	3	7	6	16
Blanks	10	7	15	32

County Treasurer

DeWitt Clinton Clapp, N. P.....	1	5	2	8
Joseph O. Hayden, R.....	91	117	118	326
David A. Keefe, D.....	14	23	18	55
Blanks	10	10	28	48

Sheriff

John J. Donovan, D.....	16	19	19	54
John R. Fairbairn, R.	90	125	124	339
Blanks	10	11	23	44

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution empowering the general court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens be approved and ratified?

Yes	36	66	60	162
No	42	36	40	118
Blanks	38	53	66	157

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution enabling women to vote be approved and ratified?

Yes	27	38	55	120
No	72	107	95	274
Blanks	17	10	16	43

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions be approved and ratified?

Yes	57	79	72	208
No	24	35	26	85
Blanks	35	41	68	144

**Vote for Representative in the Eleventh Middlesex District,
November 2, 1915**

	Acton	Ayer	Carlisle	Chelmsford	Littleton	Westford	Totals
Edgar H. Hall of Acton, R.	361	275	62	534	163	280	1675
Scattering	2	6	0	0	1	0	9
Blanks	74	227	33	265	59	122	780
Totals	437	508	95	799	223	402	2464

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births

Whole number recorded	39
Born in Acton	34
Males	17
Females	22
Native parentage	14
Foreign parentage	11
Mixed parentage	14

Marriages

Whole number recorded	15
Residents of Acton	15
Residents of other places	15

Deaths

Whole number recorded	35
Residents of Acton	31
Residents of other places	4
Occurring in Acton	29
Occurring in other places	6
Average age, years	55 plus

Note. The town clerk requests information of any errors or omission in the lists of births, marriages and deaths.

The town clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the returns of births and deaths.

HORACE F. TUTTLE,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1915

No.	Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
1.	Aug. 19..	Amadon, Gladys Alma	Leonard Quincy and Anna Matilda (McLean)
2.	March 28..	Anderson, Esther Julia	John and Olga (Osberg)
3.	Oct. 18..	Bursaw, William Winthrop	Henry William and Rose (Bechard)
4.	Nov. 13..	Charter, Elizabeth Robena	William Wesley and Mary Elizabeth (Davis)
5.	July 25..	Davis, Dorothy	Alfred Warren and Lizzie (Morse)
6.	Oct. 14..	DeSouza, Virginia Fegueredo	Bernardino J. and Maria Jacintha (Fegueredo)
7.	Feb. 22..	Di Benedetto, Michael	Bernardino and Marie Domenica (Rozzi)
8.	July 10..	Downes, Ruth	Richard and Helen P. (Hawes)
9.	Nov. 6..	Flint, Ruth Estelle	Carl Cyrus and Grace Seavey (Emery)
10.	Sept. 17..	French, Mary Helen	James Henry and Ada Mae (Wamboldt)
11.	July 4	Hagen, Sven Robert	Sven S. and Linda (Johnson)
12.	Feb. 12..	Haynes, Albert Lee	Henry Lee and Rachel Agatha (MacMackin)
13.	Aug. 30..	Hill, Naida	Harold Benjamin and Martha Putnam (Hale)
14.	April 10..	Ineson, Louise	Benjamin J. and Mildred Joyce (Battles)
15.	Dec. 15..	Jones, Laura Urana	Ralph T. and Mary Ellen (Tobin)
16.	Nov. 8..	Kelley, William Leo	William Francis and Julia Teresa (Shea)
17.	July 14..	Kempton, Willard Russell	Leland Leroy and Theresa Viola (Wamboldt)
18.	Dec. 12..	Lewis, Gordon Willard	Herbert Walter and Harriet Lavinia (Richard-son)
19.	Aug. 15..	Leclerc, Joseph Omer	Omer and Mary (Richards)

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1915

No.	Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
20.	Nov. 26..	McNulty, Clifford William	Walter Allan and Alice Lillian Melanson
21.	July 29..	Mekkelsen, Helen Barbara	Henry and Thora Margaret (Otterson)
22.	Feb. 6..	Mitchell, Marguerite Louise	William and Margaret (O'Brien)
23.	July 23..	Parker, Alice Naomi	Allen Brooks and Elizabeth (Speyed)
24.	Aug. 21..	Peppard, Donald Moore	Victor Edwin and Edna Caro (Bisbee)
25.	July 26..	Phillips, Ruth Ella.....	Ezra Andrew and L. Maude (Morton)
26.	June 24..	Peterson, John, Jr.	John and Ingeburg (Hanson)
27.	Feb. 13..	Samsel, Edward Lee	Nicholas and Ethel Alberta (Chapman)
28.	Nov. 24..	Sulla, Rosa	Toni and Maria (Raisa)
29.	Jan. 30..	Thatcher, Lawrence Cydrick	John Henry and Mary Angeline (Bayeur)
30.	Feb. 26..	Tobin, Winniford Gertrude	William Joseph and Cora Mary Schnair
31.	May 3..	Tolman, Lucius Clark	Henry Everett and Nellie Edith (Jones)
32.	Aug. 27..	Urban, Barbara Eunice	Louis George and Emma Josephine (Smiley)
33.	May 15..	Whitcomb, Frances Janet	Fred Stanley and Harriet Jean (Gray)
34.	March 11..	Willis, Gertrude May	Carl Edward and Margaret Emily (Boulden)
35.	Sept. 27..	Wilbur, Robert Edward	Arthur L. and May E. (Jones)
36.	Aug. 22..	Zaharawicz, Wacław	Bronislaw and Stanislaw (Liacka)

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1915

No.	Date	Place	Name	Residence
1.	Sept. 15, 1915	South Acton	Barnaby, Archie	South Acton
2.	Sept. 20, 1915	West Acton	Witham, Lillian Janet	Stratham, N. H.
3.	Oct. 23, 1915	Maynard	Bollen, John James	Quincy
4.	Oct. 9, 1915	Acton	McCharles, Grace Elizabeth	Quincy
5.	Nov. 17, 1915	Maynard	Christianson, Alfred	South Acton
6.	Oct. 18, 1915	Nashua, N. H.	Desorey, Dora May	South Acton
7.	April 25, 1915	Leominster	Damon, Kennan	Concord
8.	June 7, 1915	Acton	Pickard, Elmira Frances	Concord
9.	July 8, 1915	North Acton	Davis, William E.	Acton
10.	Aug. 8, 1915	Concord Junction	Griffin, Anna Doris	Acton
			Garland, George	Acton
			Colburn, Lillian	Nashua, N. H.
			Hallett, Frank O.	Leominster
			Schnair, Florence L.	West Acton
			Hill, Harold Benjamin	Cambridge
			Hale, Martha Putnam	Acton
			Hollowell, Elwin H.	North Acton
			Frost, Edith M.	North Acton
			Mann, James H.	South Acton
			O'Neil, Julia O.	East Acton

11.	Dec.	29, 1915	Boston	McNiff, John T.	West Acton
12.	Oct.	27, 1915	Sherborn	Cotter, Elizabeth F.	South Boston
13.	April	5, 1915	Boston	Page, Eben G.	Henniker, N. H.
14.	Feb.	22, 1915	Acton	Welsh, Laura Miller	South Acton
15.	Jan.	1, 1915	West Acton	Piper, Luther W.	South Acton
				Smith, Elizabeth S.	Littleton
				Reader, Jack Harold Cecil	Somerville
				Ralph, Olive	Somerville
				Young, Justin Munroe	Maynard
				Boyce, Lena May	Maynard

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1915

No.	Date of Death	Name	Yrs.	Age Mos.	Dys.
1.	Sept. 4.....	Bennett, Beatrice Viola	2	8	3
2.	Sept. 4.....	Bennett, Harold Alfred	6	7	1
3.	Aug. 23.....	Bent, Martha A.	39	10	9
4.	Feb. 25.....	Bosquet, Sarah A.	60	10	12
5.	Jan. 13.....	Brooks, Isabel M.	81	4	10
6.	Dec. 11.....	Chandler, Fred F.	57	8	24
7.	Nov. 1.....	Conant, Augustine	87	1	24
8.	Jan. 3.....	Doggett, Charles S.	78	9	21
9.	Jan. 21.....	Flagg, Lucinda M.	78	7	21
10.	July 17.....	Foley, Ellen Maria	55		
11.	Oct. 13.....	Foster, Fannie	66	8	22
12.	Sept. 4.....	Holden, Walter Ozro	77	11	23
13.	Nov. 1.....	Holden, Helena Colby	82	8	17
14.	Dec. 2.....	Hosmer, Francis	79	8	18
15.	Aug. 17.....	LeClere, Joseph Omer			2
16.	March 7.....	Libby, Mary A.	58	9	29
17.	Oct. 2.....	Mahoney, Daniel	87	10	2
18.	Dec. 22.....	McKinnon, Neil	63		

19.	Feb.	22.....	Mitchell, Marguerite Louise		16
20.	May	12.....	O'Neil, Frank	32	
21.	Aug.	10.....	Pollard, Leon B.	35	14
22.	April	21.....	Sluyski, Elizabeth Dorothea		5
23.	July	21.....	Smith, Chester R.	51	4
24.	June	10.....	Taylor, Moses	93	25
25.	April	18.....	Teele, Alta R.	15	30
26.	Sept.	17.....	Thorpe, Clifford Elizabeth	72	3
27.	Nov.	22.....	Tuttle, Luke	86	2
28.	June	16.....	Wayne, Mary M.	80	14
29.	Sept.	9.....	Wayne, Elizabeth	71	10
30.	Oct.	16.....	White, Sarah M.	94	25
31.	March	14.....	Whitney, Eben S.	79	2
32.	Oct.	20.....	Whitney, Charles H.	51	25
33.	Sept.	28.....	Wilbur, Robert Edward	0	1

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1915

No.	Date of Death	Names	Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	Place of Death	Place of Burial
1.	April 20..	Bradley, Mabel I.	24	9	10	Groton	Mt. Hope
2.	April 11..	Clark, John	70	10	13	Chelsea	Mt. Hope
3.	April —..	Clark, Julian Horace	60	5	6	Denver, Colo.	Woodlawn
4.	July 12..	Conant, Roger	0	0	2	Concord	Woodlawn
5.	Feb. 7..	Conant, Arthur L.	69	7	15	Watertown	Mt. Hope
6.	Feb. 22..	Davis, William Brown ...		2	6	Somerville	Woodlawn
7.	Dec. 2..	Davis, Eben H.	75	11	7	Chelsea	Woodlawn
8.	Feb. 4..	Dusseault, Mary F.	50		16	Worcester	Woodlawn
9.	Feb. 5..	Hearn, William	66	6		Concord	Mt. Hope
10.	Dec. 17..	Hosmer, Carrie	79	2	26	Lancaster	Mt. Hope
11.	Aug. 12..	Knowles, James ...	13	3	5	West Newton	Woodlawn
12.	Feb. 11..	Keyes, Marcus M.	75		19	Boston	Mt. Hope
13.	Feb. 1..	Morris, Charles	49	11		Leominster	Woodlawn
14.	July 6..	O'Leary, Hattie M.	61	2		Boston	Woodlawn
15.	Oct. 25..	Robbins, Varnum Fletcher	75	1		Winthrop	Mt. Hope
16.	July 19..	Taylor, Martha A.	89			Waltham	Mt. Hope
17.	Jan. 12..	Toombs, Samuel	64	8	19	Boxboro	Mt. Hope
18.	April 4..	Wheeler, James B.	63	3	23	Lincoln	Woodlawn
19.	April 9..	Wright, Marshall E.	69	3	28	Concord	Mt. Hope

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1915

Brown, James A.....	\$2.00	Ford, Isaac S.	2.00
Bradford, Fred W. R.	2.00	Frost, Allen B.	5.00
Baird, Edson	2.00	Flagg, Harland	2.00
Bragan, Thomas B....	2.00	Flint, W. A.	2.00
Brown, Murray	2.00	Foley, David	2.00
Bursaw, H. W.	2.00	Freeman, Robert C. ..	2.00
Benjamin, W. W.	2.00	Farrand, W. H.	2.00
Baker, Ralph G.	2.00	Farrar, Daniel H.	2.00
Bulette, Frank W....	2.00	Fletcher, Lester N. (2)	7.00
Brill, Fred E.	2.00	Fobes, E. S.	5.00
Brown, Lizzie J.	2.00	Foster, Samuel J.	2.00
Bradley, John	2.00	Green, Fred W.	2.00
Burgess, Mrs. J. W. ..	2.00	Gilmore, Almon H. (2)	4.00
Berry, J. N.....	2.00	Greenleaf Kennels	25.00
Bent, James	2.00	Hall, L. J.	2.00
Carter, John L.	2.00	Hanson, Henry	5.00
Cabot, Geraldine	2.00	Hayes, Michael G.	5.00
Conrad, William	2.00	Hoit, F. W.	2.00
Crosby, William C. ...	2.00	Harris, Hattie B.	5.00
Charter, William W...	2.00	Holden, F. H.	2.00
Cole, Thomas W.	2.00	Holden, Willis L.	2.00
Crosby, Clarence L. ..	2.00	Johnson, Sanfrid K. ..	2.00
Daniels, G. E.....	2.00	Jones, Samuel	2.00
Daniels, Isabella B. ...	2.00	Jones, Warren	2.00
De Tinno Angelo	2.00	Jones, Ralph T.	2.00
Davis, William E.	2.00	Knowlton, Helen A. ..	2.00
De Fegueredo Antonio	2.00	Kimball, Evelyn	5.00
Davis, Charles E.	2.00	Kimball, Elnathan (2)	4.00
Davis, Wendell F. (2)	4.00	Kelley, Wm. F.	2.00
Davis, Minnie.....	2.00	Lewis, Herbert W.....	2.00
Doles, Cyrus G.	2.00	Livermore, William J.	2.00
Densmore, J. A.	2.00	Laffin, Sidney.....	2.00
Enneguess, Michael ..	2.00	Libby, George A.	5.00
Edney, Charles F.	2.00	Marsh, A. W.	2.00

Maynard, F. B. (2)...	7.00	Robbins, Solon	2.00
Mekkelson, Soren	2.00	Russell, John H. . . .	2.00
McCarthy, Thomas ...	2.00	Richardson, George A.	5.00
Manson, Charles (3) ..	9.00	Robbins, W. C.	2.00
Moore, William J.	2.00	Smith, Albert	2.00
Mason, William E. ...	2.00	Smith, Eva M.	2.00
Mauro, N.	2.00	Schofield, Harris C. . .	2.00
Morrison, F. D.	2.00	Shattuck, T. P.	2.00
Moore, J. Sterling (2)	4.00	Smiley, William E. ...	2.00
Mekkelson, Jens	2.00	Sheehan, John H.	2.00
Millan, Albion L.	2.00	Smith, John D.	2.00
Nagle, Elizabeth	2.00	Shapley, Eva C.	2.00
Nealey, Edward F. ...	5.00	Samsel, Nicholas	2.00
Osborn, Edgar W.	2.00	Sebastian, L. A.	2.00
O'Connell, Michael ...	2.00	Tucker, George S. (3)	12.00
Olsen, Simon	2.00	Taylor, Charles A. (2)	7.00
Pratt, Frank A.	5.00	Taylor, Moses E.	2.00
Pollard, Leon	2.00	Tuttle, Arthur	2.00
Prescott, O. C.	2.00	Tyler, Webster (2) ...	7.00
Palma, John	2.00	Weeks, Elinor F.	2.00
Priest, H. L.	5.00	Whitney, Cora A.	2.00
Perkins, Levi	2.00	Wood, F. W.	2.00
Perkins, A. H.	2.00	West, Mrs I. C.	2.00
Pennell, Edmund H. ...	2.00	Willis, Ora A.	2.00
Pope, Benjamin (6) ..	12.00	Worden, Martin H. ...	2.00
Page, E. C.	2.00	Whitecomb, Fred S. ...	2.00
Ring, Mrs. John E. (2)	7.00	Watkins, J. H.	2.00
Rivers, Edward E. (2)	7.00	Weaver, George T. ...	5.00
Reed, Howard.	5.00	Wheeler, Charles H. (2)	7.00

1 license at \$25.00	\$25.00
122 licenses at \$2.00	244.00
23 licenses at \$5.00	115.00

\$384.00

Deduct fees, 146 licenses at 20c each 29.20

Paid to county treasurer \$354.80

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

We respectfully report that we have carried out the vote of the town to the best of our ability in the various departments in our charge.

The Lowell road has been improved so far as the amount appropriated for this purpose and the amounts contributed by the county commissioners and highway commissioners would allow. We recommend that the town appropriate \$1,000.00, to be used in continuing this work the current year. The highway commission and county commissioners have already expressed willingness to contribute each a like amount.

NICHOLAS SAMSEL,
EDWARD Z. STANLEY,
CHARLES J. HOLTON.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Acton:

I submit my report as tree warden:

Paid James O'Neil, labor team, ex-	
penses	\$115.81
Patrick Pickett	59.63
Martin Brown	53.00
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	\$228.44
Received for private trimming	20.00
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	\$208.44

The elm trees were not sprayed this year. Some of the trees were badly stripped by the elm beetle and we should not let this happen again.

I would recommend the raising of \$400.00 for this department.

JAMES O'NEIL,
Tree Warden.

February 3, 1916.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

Jan. 1, 1916.

The board of health submits the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915.

Burial permits issued in Acton	29
Burial permits issued in other places	5

List of contagious diseases reported by the board of health, Jan. 1, 1915, to Dec. 31, 1915.

Diphtheria	5
Measles	3
Mumps	1
Scarlet fever	1
Tetanus	1
Tuberculosis	5
Scarletina	1
Whooping cough	1
Deaths from contagious diseases.....	0

Meat Inspected for the Town

	Inspected	Condemned
Cattle	140	1
Veal	664	26
Hogs	142	4
Lambs or sheep	15	0

Your board would recommend that \$1,250 be appropriated for use of the board for the present year, as the state board has added the duty of inspecting stables and the issuing of permits for the production and sale of all milk used in the town, the expense to be borne by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH,

By E. C. Page, Sec'y.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS REPORT

Owing to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease this year I am not able to make a very full report.

I had my inspection nearly completed when I was stopped by the department. In the year I have quarantined 14 head with tuberculosis, which were taken by the state and killed.

FRED S. WHITCOMB,
Inspector.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Acton, Mass. :

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report for the year 1915:

General Government

Appropriation	\$1,800.00
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Selectmen's Department

Paid:

Nicholas Samsel, salary	\$100.00
E. Z. Stanley, salary	50.00
C. J. Holton, salary	50.00
Nicholas Samsel, postage, express.	
telephone, etc.	20.72
E. Z. Stanley, postage	3.88
	\$224.60

Auditing and Accountant Department

Paid:

William T. Merriam, salary, January to March	\$25.00
Howard L. Jones, salary, March 1. to November 30	85.00
Howard L. Jones, postage and sup- plies	2.67
	\$112.67

Treasurer's Department

Paid:

Frank W. Hoit, salary	\$200.00
American Surety Co., bond	50.00
Frank W. Hoit, certifying notes	10.00
Frank W. Hoit, postage, telephone, etc.	29.85

 \$289.85

Collector's Department

Paid:

William F. Stevens, salary	\$403.78
American Surety Co., bond	50.00
W. F. Stevens, stationery, postage, ex- press	8.00

 \$461.78

Assessors' Department

Paid:

W. F. Stevens, salary	\$75.00
W. F. Kelley, salary	60.00
James B. Tuttle, salary	55.00
W. F. Stevens, transportation of as- sessors !	2.00
W. F. Stevens, checking corporation tax	2.50
W. F. Stevens, postage, express, etc. .	4.50
E. W. Prescott, services in regard to stockholders in various foreign corporations	39.65

 \$238.65

Town Clerk's Department

Paid:

Horace F. Tuttle, salary	\$45.00
Horace F. Tuttle, attending meeting at Ayer	2.50
Horace F. Tuttle, services relating to repairing ballot box	2.00
Horace F. Tuttle, postage, express and telephones	13.95
Horace F. Tuttle, collecting and re- cording births	23.50
Horace F. Tuttle, recording deaths ..	7.40
Horace F. Tuttle, recording marriages	3.00

 \$97.35

Overseers of Poor Department

Paid:

W. F. Kelley, salary	\$50.00
F. S. Whitcomb, salary	20.00
E. Z. Stanley, salary	20.00
W. F. Kelley, postage, carfares	10.20
Hobbs & Warren, blanks	1.06

 \$101.26

Town Physician

Paid:

Hall Staples, salary	\$25.00
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 \$25.00

Election and Registration

Paid:

Horace F. Tuttle, registrar	\$25.00
G. E. Holton, registrar	20.00
S. A. Guilford, registrar	20.00

 \$65.00

Horace F. Tuttle, election officer	\$5.00
A. F. Davis, election officer (1914) . . .	5.00
W. F. Kelley, election officer (1914) ..	5.00
H. F. Robbins, election officer	2.50
C. D. Cram, election officer	2.50
C. E. Smith, election officer	2.50
Isaac Ford, election officer	2.50
John Coughlin, election officer (1914),	2.50
David R. Kingsley, election officer . . .	5.00
L. E. Reed, election officer	5.00
L. C. Hastings, election officer	5.00
Cornelius O'Neil, election officer	5.00
Lucius Hesselton, election officer . . .	5.00
W. H. Kingsley, election officer (1914)	5.00
A. F. Davis, election officer	5.00
C. J. Holton, election officer	5.00
W. F. Kelley, election officer	5.00
F. S. Whitcomb, election officer	5.00
John Coughlin, election officer	5.00
E. C. Cheney, election officer	5.00
C. A. Durkee, election officer	2.50
F. S. Glines, opening schoolhouse for registration	\$2.00
L. C. Hastings, placing booths	2.50
Universalist society, rent of vestry ..	6.00
A. W. Porter, placing booths	2.50
W. F. Stevens, transporting election returns	3.00
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	\$106.00
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Total general government	\$1,722.16
Unexpended	77.84
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	\$1,800.00

Buildings and Grounds

Appropriation	\$425.00
Received from rent	96.00
Transferred from reserve fund	9.98

\$530.98

Paid:

R. W. Porter, care of town hall and grounds	\$86.75
R. W. Porter, care of clock	25.00
American Woolen Co., lighting	26.58
West and South Water Supply district	12.00
W. H. Kingsley, teaming and sawing wood	7.50
J. H. Livermore, labor on Common ..	8.20
L. T. Fullonton, painting town hall ..	260.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal and lumber	50.45
H. R. Moore, repairs on lockup	9.09
George Daniels, repairs on boiler	2.50
E. A. Phalen, labor	28.50
E. Z. Stanley, repairs	3.60
O. D. Wood, repairs	4.90
E. P. Gates, repairs	2.10
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	3.81

\$530.98

Protection Persons and Property

Police Department

Appropriation	\$150.00
Received for court fines	35.50
Transferred from reserve fund	166.96

\$352.46

Paid:

E. S. Fobes, special duty	\$53.42
E. S. Fobes, court fees	40.59
James N. Berry, special duty	4.50
E. C. Page, use of automobile	10.00
W. M. Barteaux, use of automobile ..	8.00
J. T. McNiff, court fees	48.61
James C. Herring, court fees	1.80
C. A. Taylor, court fees	29.67
Patrick Callan, special duty	3.50
Edson Baird, special duty	3.50
H. R. Moore, special duty	38.15
H. R. Moore, court fees	8.97
C. A. Taylor, special duty	53.50
O. D. Wood, general duty	21.50
J. T. McNiff, general duty	26.75

 \$352.46
Enforcement of Liquor Law
 Appropriation, unexpended balance,
 1914

\$927.55

Paid:

E. J. Lyons	\$10.00
E. S. Fobes	10.00
C. A. Taylor	24.50
M. W. Barteaux	10.00
W. R. Moore	27.75
J. T. McNiff	15.00

 \$97.25

Unexpended

830.30

 \$927.55

Fire Department

Appropriation	\$400.00
Received from fire extinguishers	14.00

\$414.00

Paid:

J. T. McNiff, repairs	\$2.00
Davis, King Co., wiring at West Acton house	2.00
Hall Bros. Co., lumber	1.85
James Grimes, labor .....	.85
E. T. Rice, keys	2.75
F. Oelschlegel, belts	4.25
E. T. Rice, labor and supplies	22.56
James P. Brown, wrenches and wood, West & South Water Supply District of Acton	10.00
Boston Coupling Co.	40.35
William Lawrence, watching fire ...	1.57
David Foley, glass and labor	1.25
A. F. Harris, repairs on truck	1.50
Finney & Hoit, soda	9.50
West Acton Fire Co., salaries	3.05

Total maintenance fire depart- ment	105.00
Unexpended	\$208.43

205.52

\$414.00

Hydrant Service

Appropriation	\$2,700.00
Paid:	
West & South Supply District of	
Acton	\$2,500.00
Town of Concord	184.00
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Total	\$2,684.00
Unexpended	16.00
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	\$2,700.00

Brush Fires

Appropriation	\$200.00
Paid:	
Hall Bros. Co.	\$4.50
James Kingsley	1.25
James J. Hurley	1.00
John Hurley	1.00
David Hurley .....	.50
E. T. Rice .....	.25
Harold Gallagher	2.31
Arthur Harris	2.02
Raymond Harris	1.25
C. I. Miller .....	.75
Allen Frost	5.75
Fred Holloway .....	.25
Leo McCarthy .....	.50
Oliver Dutton	2.25
George Murphy .....	.25
J. S. White	3.00
Frank Holden	1.38
C. B. Robbins .....	.50
Joe Buager .....	.38
Leo Buager .....	.50
Robert Freeman	2.00

Frank Rawse	2.00
J. W. Livermore	10.25
William H. Kingsley	30.75
Nelson J. Cole	1.55
Edw. C. Page	2.75
Fred Clark .....	.75
George Hayward .....	.50
Percy Sweet	2.50
Frank Greenough .....	.75
James P. Brown	3.25
Earl Randall .....	.50
James Cole	1.00
George Worster	3.00
Lawrence Clark .....	.50
B. A. King	1.00
F. R. Bradford	1.25
Fred Cleymour	2.00
R. Brown	2.25
Levi Perkins	1.00
W. J. Benere	6.70
Edw. Jewett .....	.50
W. Barteaux	2.75
C. Taylor	2.75
E. S. Fobes	2.50
J. Downey	1.25
J. McDonald	1.00
J. Smith	1.25
H. J. Coughlin .....	.75
Thomas Foley	4.50
William C. Coughlin	2.75
John F. Coughlin .....	.75
Patrick Foley .....	.75
W. H. Jones .....	.35
V. McGreen	1.00
George Clapp .....	.25
H. E. Willis .....	.50
John Pederson	2.00
Edson Baird	2.00

Smith Finney	2.00
Edw. Cahill	2.25
W. B. Currier .....	.75
Pliney Nims	3.00
Abe Granberg .....	.75
H. Hanson	2.00
Abe Anderson	3.00
L. Campbell	1.00
Lyman Wetherbee	1.00
Clarence Frost .....	.50
Amos Bennett	1.75
Don Ditino .....	.25
Angelo Ditino .....	.25
Lugro Vito .....	.25
Patrick Callan .....	.25
W. J. Costello .....	.35
Charles Boyce .....	.25
Joseph Brunier .....	.25
L. Kempton .....	.25
Richard Downs .....	.25
Lewis Urban .....	.25
M. E. Taylor & Co.	2.60

\$156.64

Unexpended

43.36

\$200.00

Health and Sanitation

Appropriation	\$500.00
Received inspection of animals	50.00
Transferred from reserve fund	23.94

\$573.94

Paid:

E. S. Fobes, inspection	\$97.50
E. C. Page, fumigating, etc.	69.88
A. M. Whitcomb, inspection	64.75
F. E. Tasker, inspection	19.50
C. A. Dudley, inspection	101.50
H. S. Turner, printing	6.50
Carter, Carter & Meigs	5.64
F. E. Tasker, medical attendance	15.75
J. Mauro, account quarantine	14.17
F. Benere, account quarantine	28.00
Dennison Mfg. Co.	4.65
Hall Staples, medical attendance	19.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	2.00
Hobbs and Warren, permits and book	2.75
J. McCrossland, labor	2.00
J. Bent, account quarantine	9.51
Tuttle & Newton, supplies	3.34
R. S. Osterhout, printing	1.50
W. A. Flint, use of land for dump ...	6.00
F. S. Whitcomb, inspection of animals	100.00

 \$573.94

Due from state, cattle inspection

50.00

Moth Department

Liability, Sec. 4, Chapter 381, Acts 1905	\$970.00
Received state treasurer, gypsy moth work	803.89
Received state treasurer, state high- way work	202.00
Private work	139.40
Lead sold	291.80

 \$2,407.09

Paid:

James O'Neil, labor	\$1,922.08
Standard Oil Co., gasoline	16.75
W. F. Stevens, notices and mailing ..	10.55
Balance due from state, Jan. 1, 1915,	974.89

 \$2,924.27

Balance due from state, Jan. 1, 1916,

517.18

Highways and Bridges

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Received for road dust	5.25
Received town of Carlisle, use of roller	10.00
Received George Worster, oiling	1.00

 \$5,016.25

Paid:

A. H. Perkins, pay rolls	\$1,700.69
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., repairs ...	9.76
W. H. Kingsley, repairs	89.25
N. E. Road Machinery Co., repairs ..	8.50
W. E. Whitcomb, tools	2.73
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., lumber	183.42
H. L. Bond Co., diaphragm	1.80
E. P. Gates, jobbing	20.43
W. J. Costello, signs	3.00
J. T. McNiff, repairs	13.10
T. F. Parker, lead	8.31
Charles Skogland, boiler inspection ..	5.00
E. T. Rice, repairs	2.75
American Powder Co., post and repairs	1.25
O. D. Fessenden, pipe	5.00
Hall Bros., lumber	15.25
J. P. Brown, repairs and lumber	12.95
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	25.50

A. H. Perkins, gravel and oil	38.65	
B. F. Townsend, pipe	3.20	
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		\$2,150.54

Oiling Roads

Paid:

John F. Baker, Jr., oil	\$694.02	
A. H. Perkins, pay rolls	701.09	
Demurrage	6.00	
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		\$1,401.11

North Acton Road

Paid:

A. H. Perkins, pay rolls	\$2,459.36	
A. H. Perkins, gravel	45.30	
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., lum- ber and coal	287.19	
Corrigated Bar Co.	22.11	
W. J. Costello, signs	6.75	
Whitney Coal & Grain Co., coal	27.75	
George H. Reed, coal and cement	23.68	
Hall Bros. Co., posts	107.35	
J. T. McNiff, rail irons	4.50	
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	10.94	
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		\$2,994.93

Total highways and bridges	\$6,546.58
Overdrawn	1,530.33

Due from state, account North Acton road	\$998.31
Due from county, account North Acton road	998.31
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\$1,996.62

Snow Bills

Appropriation	\$200.00
Unexpended	200.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation	\$2,700.00	
Unexpended balance, 1914	821.37	
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		\$3,521.37
Paid:		
S. Breasthe, one light, 1914	\$4.00	
Raymond Farrar, one light, 1914-1915	8.00	
Patrick Foley, one light, 1914	4.00	
B. De Souzy, one light, 1914-1915	8.00	
American Woolen Co.	3,239.94	
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		\$3,263.94
Unexpended		257.43
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		\$3,521.37

Charities

Town Farm

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Received sale of product and stock ..	2,173.04	
Transferred from reserve fund	2.53	
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		\$2,675.57
Paid:		
L. Q. Amadon, warden	\$472.50	
L. Q. Amadon, supplies	11.00	
L. Q. Amadon, labor	253.55	
Tuttle & Newton, supplies	58.26	
George H. Reed, grain	876.27	

E. Z. Stanley, repairs	9.65
F. S. Whitecomb, cow	52.50
F. S. Whitecomb, tools	40.95
S. B. Ineson, supplies	1.20
W. F. Kelley, telephone	2.25
W. F. Kelley, labor	15.40
J. S. Moore, supplies	250.11
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	13.94
W. E. Whitecomb, supplies	95.17
Brackett, Shaw & Lunt, supplies	3.36
Finney & Hoit, supplies	60.21
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	288.89
Davis, King Co., boxes	21.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal and supplies	23.22
J. P. Brown, repairs	25.62
F. A. Wakelin, supplies	4.64
E. T. Rice, supplies	1.25
C. H. Mead & Co., lime sulphur	41.13
Town of Acton, lead	15.00
R. F. Durkee, service of bull	22.00
C. W. Fletcher, sawdust	1.15
F. S. Whitecomb, supplies	2.15
Hall Bros. Co., sawdust	6.25
E. P. Gates, repairs	6.95

\$2,675.57

Outside Poor

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Appropriation, additional	200.00
Received from state	254.80
Received, town of Orange	51.10
Received, city of Boston	16.25
Received, town of Boxboro	181.52
Received, town of Dartmouth	33.60
Transferred from reserve fund	98.63

\$1,835.90

Paid:

Elizabeth J. Ring, board and care ...	\$208.00
Luther Davis, rent and milk	83.64
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal,	21.13
W. E. Whitcomb, supplies	193.16
Tuttle & Newton, supplies	127.54
W. F. Kelley, supplies and transportation	18.00
F. E. Tasker, services	28.60
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies	93.12
Mrs. J. W. Livermore, services	16.25
Finney & Hoit, supplies	6.50
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	380.17
W. T. S. Bartlett, rent	39.00
Dexter Spinney, wood	11.00
City of Lawrence	164.00
City of Waltham	48.54
Town of Leominster	82.46
Frank Chapman, auto	5.00
City of Boston	7.14
E. C. Page, services	27.00
Julian F. Tuttle, services	2.00
Ida Pratt, transportation	2.22
J. A. Priest, milk	9.38
Hobart Mead, rent	17.00
M. Diskin, rent	10.00
Town of Braintree	31.00
J. S. Moore, supplies	46.00
Harriet Rudolph, rent	16.00
A. W. Davis, rent	26.00
E. A. Phalen, rent	96.00
C. H. Mead & Co., supplies	20.05
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	\$1,835.90
Due from state	10.83
Due from town of Templeton	75.49

Soldiers' Benefits

State Aid

Received from state treasurer		\$752.00
Amount due from state, Jan. 1, 1915,	\$752.00	
Amount paid out	740.00	
Balance due from state, Jan. 1, 1916,		740.00
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	\$1,492.00	\$1,492.00

Military Aid

Appropriation	\$100.00
Unexpended	100.00

Education

Appropriations	\$15,000.00
Unexpended balance, 1914	1,867.82
Received Massachusetts school fund .	1,103.83
Received county dog tax	292.01
Received state treasurer, industrial school	567.38
Received state treasurer, superinten- dent fund	343.75
Received state treasurer, tuition of children	158.60
Received old paper sold	1.07
Received tuition, Enid Sadler	13.50
Received tuition, Charlotte Gouch ...	9.00
Received ticket refund	2.00
Received ticket refund	4.80
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	\$19,363.76
Paid:	
Report of school committee	\$19,363.76

Memorial Library

Library Expenses

Appropriation	\$450.00	
Received from fines	20.00	
		<hr/> \$470.00
Paid:		
American Woolen Co., lighting	\$25.48	
Davis, King Co., repairs .....	.50	
E. F. Conant, insurance	42.43	
S. H. Taylor, janitor	99.99	
A. F. Davis, librarian	103.00	
A. F. Davis, cataloging	10.00	
O. E. Houghton, transportation books,	45.84	
Brookside Printing Co., cards	9.75	
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal	66.38	
D. Spinney, wood	3.50	
E. Z. Stanley, repairs	18.37	
S. H. Taylor, repairs on mower	1.00	
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	3.55	
H. F. Tuttle, freight and express	3.84	
		<hr/> \$433.63
Unexpended		36.37
		<hr/> \$470.00

Library Books

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Interest on library fund	348.56	
		<hr/> \$548.56
Paid:		
Home Correspondence School	\$2.25	
Dura Binding Co.	64.90	
J. Q. Adams Co.	18.50	

W. B. Clarke Co.	372.17
De Wolfe, Fiske Co.	6.50
Thorp & Martin Co.	9.00
H. F. Tuttle	11.00
Herman Goldberger	36.86
John H. Williams	1.13
Association American Portland Ce- ment Mfgs.	1.75
W. A. Wilde Co.	7.43
W. A. Rayner	8.00
F. W. Tingley	9.07

\$548.56

Cemeteries

Appropriation	\$600.00
Received sale of lots, Woodlawn ...	56.00
Received sale of lots Mt. Hope	78.00

\$734.00

Paid:

A. H. Smith, labor	\$79.63
William Mitchell, labor	111.11
E. S. Fobes, labor	5.00
H. F. Robbins, labor	4.00
J. W. Livermore, labor	5.25
M. A. Reed, labor	4.00
Julian Tuttle, labor	96.00
Julian Tuttle, flowers	6.48
Finney & Hoit, flags	6.50
E. Z. Stanley, repairs	1.50
H. E. Fiske, repairs	1.50
H. F. Tuttle, key	1.05
H. F. Tuttle, services	10.00
L. J. Mason, labor	40.33
Jesse Briggs, labor	8.75
F. W. Green, labor	104.87
A. H. Perkins, labor	37.00
West & South Water Supply District,	12.00

A. Batley & Son, flowers	10.63
E. T. Rice, repairs	3.95
J. T. McNiff, wheelbarrow	5.25

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Unexpended		179.20
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Perpetual Care

Received interest on cemetery fund ..	\$394.62
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Paid:

Julian Tuttle, labor and plants	\$272.37
F. W. Green, labor and plants	101.25
F. C. Hayward, interest	17.50
G. H. De Costa, interest	3.50

\$394.62

Unclassified

Appropriation	\$500.00
Appropriation, liability insurance ...	100.00
Received town of Boxboro, use of sprayer	20.00
Received state treasurer, account tree warden	20.00
Received state treasurer, burial of in- digent soldier	50.00
Transferred from reserve fund	345.26

\$1,035.26

Paid:

C. J. Williams, settlement of suit ...	\$439.41
Howard Wilson, legal services	129.25
Morris, Ireland Co., two safes	50.00
Howard L. Jones, freight and moving safe	3.53
Enterprise Co., advertising	1.00

N. Samsel, advertising and express ..	1.35
W. F. Stevens, express	7.13
J. P. Brown, iron bars	2.75
A. M. Whitcomb, liability insurance,	106.62
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co., stamps	2.50
Hobbs & Warren, book	1.00
Dover Stamping Co., measures	2.28
E. Z. Stanley, freight .....	.25
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co.	24.00
American Woolen Co., lighting lockup	4.50
J. O'Neil, tree warden work	228.44
W. F. Farrar, returning one death notice .....	.25
R. W. Porter, care of flag	5.00
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co., four extinguishers, forest warden	26.00

\$1,035.26

Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$100.00
Paid:	
Isaac Davis Post	\$100.00

Agricultural School

Appropriation	\$277.95
Paid town of Concord, tuition.....	277.95

Printing

Appropriation	\$250.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	23.12

\$273.12

Paid R. S. Osterhout, warrants	\$16.50
Robert S. Osterhout, applications	4.25
Robert S. Osterhout, licenses ...	5.50
Robert S. Osterhout, town reports	163.20
Robert S. Osterhout, school re- ports	5.00

R. S. Osterhout, treasurer's warrants	6.50
R. S. Osterhout, caucus notices...	18.75
R. S. Osterhout, voting lists	15.00
Hobbs & Warren, collector's and assessors' books	7.37
Hobbs & Warren, licenses	1.51
P. B. Murphy, dog licenses .....	.75
H. M. Meek & Co., book	1.30
W. S. Greenough & Co., vouchers....	5.00
W. F. Stevens, poll tax list, tax bills..	11.26
Brookside Printing Co., note heads ..	2.25
W. M. Sargent, warrants	2.50
H. S. Turner, letter heads, envelopes..	6.48

\$273.12

Electric Light Committee

Appropriation	\$75.00
Unexpended	75.00

Committee on Memorial to Capt. Davis Company

Appropriation	75.00
Unexpended	75.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Transferred to buildings and grounds	\$9.98
Transferred to Police Department....	166.96
Transferred to Health Department ...	23.94
Transferred to Town Farm	2.53
Transferred to Outside Poor	98.63
Transferred to Printing	23.12
Transferred to Unclassified	345.26

\$670.42

Unexpended	829.58
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\$1,500.00

Interest

Received from Collector, interest on taxes	\$385.27
Received interest on deposits	52.82

\$438.09

Paid First National Bank of Ayer....	\$490.54
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Municipal Indebtedness

Loans, First National Bank of Ayer...	\$25,000.00
Paid First National Bank of Ayer	20,000.00

Balance not paid	\$5,000.00
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Financial Statement**Receipts**

Due from treasurer, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$127.10
Due from collector, Jan. 1, 1915.....	9,710.82
Raised: Memorial Day	\$100.00
Highways and Bridges	5,000.00
Memorial Library, expense	450.00
Memorial Library, books	200.00
Moth department	970.00
School Department	15,000.00
Hydrant service	2,700.00
Street lighting	2,700.00
State tax	5,460.00
County tax	2,838.78
Overlay tax	512.96
State highway tax	899.55
Received: Treasurer's report	\$36,586.13
Farm receipts	2,173.04
Interest on taxes	385.27
Moth tax	432.65
December assessment	381.89

\$86,628.19

* Less error in amount raised....	20.00
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\$86,608.19

Expenditures

State tax	\$5,460.00
County tax	2,838.78
State highway tax	899.55
State treasurer, account public service and National Bank tax	23.01
General government	1,722.16
Buildings and grounds	530.98
Police department	352.46
Moth department	1,949.38
Fire department	3,049.12
Street lighting	3,263.94
Highways and bridges	6,546.58
Health department	573.94
Outside poor	2,675.57
Education	19,363.76
Library expense	433.63
Library books	548.56
Cemetery	554.80
Cemetery, perpetual care	394.62
Unclassified	1,035.26
Memorial Day	100.00
Agricultural school	277.95
State aid	740.00
Printing	273.12
Enforcement of liquor law	97.25
Municipal indebtedness	20,000.00
Interest	490.54
Outside poor	1,835.90
Abatements	422.63
Bills of 1914 paid	2,511.45
Uncollected taxes	7,034.55
Cash on hand	608.70

 \$86,608.19

Financial Statement for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

Due from treasurer	\$608.70
Due from collector	7,034.55
Due from county, dog tax	319.32
Due from county, North Acton highway	998.31
Due from state, North Acton highway	998.31
Due from state, moth work	517.18
Due from state, inspection of animals	50.00
Due from state, state aid	740.00
Due from state, outside poor	10.83
Due from town of Templeton	75.49
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	\$11,352.69

Liabilities

First National Bank of Ayer, note	5,000.00
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Balance in favor of town	\$6,352.69

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Accountant.

Acton, Mass., February 8, 1916.

I have examined the accounts of the tax collector and treasurer of the town of Acton, and find them correct to the best of my knowledge.

HOWARD L. JONES,
Town Accountant.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 1915

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, January 1, 1915	\$127.10
State treasurer:	
Corporation tax, public service ..	1,178.44
Corporation tax, business	3,238.61
National bank tax	480.62
State aid	752.00
Burial of indigent soldiers	50.00
Street railway tax	95.66
Tuition of children	158.60
Aid of mothers with dependent children	254.80
Corporation tax	7.79
Independent Educational Indus- trial schools	567.38
Highway Commission, moth work	202.00
Gypsy and brown tail moth work	765.31
Gypsy and brown tail moth work	38.58
Inspection of animals	50.00
Reimbursement for loss of taxes on land for public institutions	182.72
Massachusetts school fund	1,103.83
Superintendent of school fund ..	343.75
County treasurer, dog tax	292.01
Cemetery lots sold by F. W. Green ...	78.00
By H. F. Tuttle	56.00

Court fines	35.50
Library fines	20.00
Road department, road dust	5.25
Use of roller	10.00
Oiling private yard	1.00
Town hall rents	96.00
Loans, First National bank, Ayer	25,000.00
Fire extinguishers sold	14.00
Tree warden, trimming trees	20.00
Use of sprayer	20.00
Slaughter license, A. F. Blanchard Co.	1.00
Murphy & Mahoney	1.00
Interest on deposits	52.82
School department, old paper sold ...	1.07
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., rebate on tickets	4.80
B. & M. R. R., rebate on tickets ..	2.00
Tuition of Enid Sadler	13.50
Tuition of Charlotte Gouch	9.00
Outside poor department, Boston	16.25
Orange	51.10
Boxboro	181.52
Dartmouth	33.60
Library account, interest	348.56
Cemetery account, interest	394.62
Excise tax, C., M. & H. St. Ry.	241.80
C., M. & H. St. Ry.	115.64

\$36,713.23

Town Farm Receipts:

Milk	\$997.05
Apples	985.93
Pigs	78.25
Pork	73.23
Fowl	17.92
Calves	10.00
Bags	7.46
Telephone	3.20
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	\$2,173.04

Received of William F. Stevens, Collector:

Taxes, 1913	\$537.78
Interest, 1913	52.72
Taxes, 1914	8,660.74
Interest, 1914	317.54
Taxes, 1915	31,103.58
Interest, 1915	15.01
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	\$40,687.37

Total receipts	\$79,573.64
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Paid bills carried over from 1914	\$2,511.45
Approved orders, 1915	76,453.49
Cash on hand, January 1, 1916	608.70
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	\$79,573.64

FRANK W. HOIT,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WILDE MEMORIAL

LIBRARY FUND

Cash Charlestown Five Cent Savings	
bank	\$1,000.00
Warren Institution for Savings,	1,000.00
Home Savings bank	1,000.00
Middlesex Institution for Savings	1,000.00
North End Savings bank	1,000.00
Interest on deposits	204.15
Bond, "West Shore R. R.," of Susan	
Augusta and Luther Conant fund	1,000.00
Interest on bond	40.00
Unexpended balance	118.45
Appropriation for books	200.00
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	\$6,562.60
By cash in banks	\$5,000.00
Bond, "Conant Fund"	1,000.00
Amount expended for books	548.56
Balance unexpended	14.04
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	\$6,562.60

FRANK W. HOIT,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF MONEY HELD FOR CARE OF LOTS IN CEMETERIES

Bonds of West and South Water

Supply District of Acton	\$9,000.00
Balance of cemetery funds	4,650.00
Unexpended balance	748.54

Received cash:

Francis Hosmer lot	50.00
Marcus M. Keyes lot	500.00
A. P. Bean lot	100.00
Mary W. Fletcher lot	100.00
John J. Lothrop lot	50.00
Bancroft Whitcomb lot	100.00
Franklin P. Wood lot	100.00
Hobart E. Mead lot	100.00
Israel H. Giles lot	100.00
Interest on bonds	354.00
Interest on deposits	157.25

\$16,109.79

By amount paid for care of lots	\$394.62
West and South Water Supply Dis- trict of Acton bonds	8,700.00
Lowell Central Savings bank	1,000.00
North Middlesex Savings bank	1,000.00
Maynard Trust Co.	1,000.00
Tomb fund, Charlestown Five Cent Savings bank	128.53

Memorial Tablet fund, Charlestown	
Five Cent Savings bank	64.20
Luke Blanchard fund, North End Sav-	
ings bank	532.68
Monument fund, Warren Institution	
for Savings	63.90
Middlesex Institution for Savings ...	900.00
Balance cemetery funds	1,463.59
Unexpended balance	862.27
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	\$16,109.79

FRANK W. HOIT,
Treasurer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation April 1, 1915

Buildings, exclusive of land.....	\$1,124,350.00
Land, exclusive of buildings	539,345.00
Personal estate	823,835.00
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Total valuation	\$2,487,530.00
Valuation April 1, 1914	2,425,035.00
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Increase in valuation	\$62,495.00

Rate of taxation, \$14.25.

Tax Assessed as Follows:

Real estate	\$23,707.65
Personal estate	11,739.64
Polls	1,364.00
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	\$36,811.29
December assessment	\$381.89
Moth tax	432.65
Excise tax	115.64

Amount of Money Raised:

For state tax	\$5,460.00
State highway tax	899.55
County tax	2,838.78
Town grant	27,100.00
Overlay	512.96
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	\$36,811.29

WM. F. STEVENS,
JAMES B. TUTTLE,
WM. F. KELLEY,
Assessors of Acton.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1915.

1913	Dr.		
Uncollected January 1, 1915		\$537.78	
Interest collected		52.72	
			\$590.50
	Cr.		
Paid treasurer		\$578.45	
Abatements		12.05	
			\$590.50
1914	Dr.		
Uncollected January 1, 1915		\$9,173.04	
Interest collected		317.54	
			\$9,490.58
	Cr.		
Paid treasurer		\$8,567.70	
Abatements		410.58	
			\$8,978.28
Uncollected January 1, 1916			\$512.30

1915

Dr.

Town, state and county taxes. com- mitted to collector, July 15, 1915, \$36,811.29	
Moth tax	432.65
December assessment	381.89
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	\$37,625.83
Interest collected	15.01
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	\$37,640.84
	Cr.
Paid treasurer	\$31,118.59
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Uncollected December 31, 1915 ..	\$6,522.25

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Citizens of Acton:

The report of the overseers of the poor is herewith submitted:

The cost for support of outside poor has been about the same as usual, excepting a sharp increase in the local expense, which was approved and provided for by vote of the town.

With this increased expense we believe that \$1,500.00 is the least sum that will be required for this department and recommend that amount be appropriated.

The town home has been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. L. Q. Amadon as warden and matron, and the usual good conditions have been maintained.

Number of inmates cared for during year.....	3
Number at present time (woman).....	1

We recommend that \$600.00 be appropriated for this department.

Dr. Hall Staples has served as town physician during the year and has promptly and efficiently performed all services required of him.

Aid Furnished Outside Poor

Expenses		\$1,835.90
Receipts	\$537.27	
Due from town of Templeton	75.49	
Due from state	10.83	
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		623.59
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Net cost for financial year		\$1,212.31

Inventory at Town Home, January 1, 1916

9 Cows	\$680.00
4 Heifers	130.00
1 Bull	20.00
2 Horses	200.00
2 Pigs	15.00
16 Tons Hay	370.00
Harnesses	50.00
Wagons, carts and sleds	350.00
Farming Implements	220.00
Grain	50.00
Hot Air Engine	10.00
Barrels and Boxes	10.00
Coal	7.50
Wood cut for stove	120.00
Set Measures	1.00
Salt .....	.75
Horse Blankets.....	15.00
60 Hens	60.00
Potatoes	20.00
Apples	18.00
Preserves, Pickles, etc.	50.00
Household goods and kitchen uten-	
sils	275.00
Salt Pork	20.00

Vinegar	2.50	
Lime-Sulphur	10.00	
Wheel-Chair	20.00	
Groceries and Supplies	20.00	
Robes	10.00	
5 Cords Wood	20.00	
Lumber	60.00	
Stone lifter	20.00	
Pulley Blocks and Rope.....	4.00	
Crescent Saw	4.00	
Ice	10.00	
Carriage lamp	1.00	
Grass Seed	6.00	
Seed Corn	1.75	
Spray Pump	20.00	
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		\$2,901.50

Support of Town Home

Expenditures	\$2,675.57	
Inventory, 1915	2,910.00	
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		\$5,585.57
Inventory, 1916	\$2,901.50	
Receipts	2.173.04	
Wood delivered school houses	66.25	
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		\$5,140.79
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Net cost for financial year		\$444.78

WILLIAM F. KELLEY,
EDWARD Z. STANLEY,
FRED S. WHITCOMB,
Board of Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915

We present the following schedule showing the amounts of the several funds for the perpetual care of cemetery lots and the income and expenditures on account of each fund for the year:

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
JULIAN TUTTLE,
FRED W. GREEN,
Cemetery Commissioners.

CEMETERY FUNDS FOR CARE OF LOTS

Deposit No. and Date of	WOODLAWN CEMETERY NAME OF FUND	Amount Deposited 1915	On hand Jan. 1,	Income	Expended	On hand Dec. 31, 1915
1	Hepsabeth Piper	50.00	52.00	1.75	1.50	52.25
2	Frederick Rouillard	100.00	100.15	3.50	3.50	100.15
3	William W. Davis	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
4	Jedediah Tuttle	50.00	51.00	1.75	1.50	51.25
5	Mary Skinner	200.00	205.65	7.00	7.92	204.73
6	Nancy K. Handley	500.00	551.25	17.50	20.73	548.02
7	Mary Severance	100.00	103.00	3.50	3.00	103.50
8	Mary W. Chaffin	100.00	101.75	3.50	3.00	102.25
9	Warren Robbins	100.00	100.00	3.50	3.00	100.50
10	Henry Loker	100.00	102.04	3.50	3.50	102.04
11	Henry Lothrop	200.00	202.56	7.00	6.88	202.68
12	Luther W. Piper	100.00	101.65	3.50	1.00	104.15
13	James Temple	100.00	102.00	3.50	3.00	102.50
14	Fidelia Wheeler	100.00	102.07	3.50	3.50	102.07
15	William H. Chapman	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.50	102.50
16	Mary A. Robbins	100.00	102.00	3.50	3.00	102.50
17	Daniel Wetherbee	100.00	101.35	3.50	3.50	101.35

18	James Tuttle	100.00	101.10	3.50	2.96	101.64
19	Julia Morrison	75.00	76.58	2.63	3.00	76.21
20	Elbridge J. Robbins	100.00	101.00	3.50	3.50	101.00
21	William Jennings	100.00	100.50	3.50	4.00	100.00
22	Adeline Weston Blood	100.00	106.11	3.50	5.00	104.61
23	Irving V. Whitecomb	100.00	100.20	3.50	3.50	100.20
24	John Fletcher	100.00	100.33	3.50	3.50	100.33
25	W. E. Faulkner	75.00	76.02	2.62	2.50	76.14
26	Amanda M. Barnard	100.00	101.47	3.50	4.00	100.97
27	George T. Ames	100.00	101.14	3.50	2.96	101.68
28	Horace Tuttle	100.00	102.59	3.50	1.50	102.59
29	Samuel Jones	50.00	50.97	1.75	3.50	51.22
30	*Francis Hosmer	150.00	157.72	5.25	2.00	160.97
31	Mary E. Robbins	100.00	100.22	3.50	3.00	100.72
32	Luther and Augustine Conant	500.00	526.77	17.50	13.00	531.27
33	Hannah D. Robbins	50.00	50.92	1.75	2.00	50.67
34	Elisha Cutler	100.00	104.09	3.50	3.50	104.00
35	Nathaniel Jones	50.00	51.75	1.75	1.50	52.00
36	Solomon Smith	75.00	75.63	2.62	3.00	75.25
37	Gaius W. Allen	100.00	101.12	3.50	3.30	101.32
38	Varnum and Francis Tuttle	250.00	251.19	8.75	8.00	251.94
39	Aaron Fletcher	100.00	101.65	3.50	4.50	100.65
40	Mary J. Harrington	200.00	204.95	7.00	7.00	204.95

41	Elnathan Jones	100.00	102.70	3.50	4.00	102.20
42	Nathan Chaffin	100.00	101.17	3.50	3.00	101.67
43	Jonathan W. Loker	100.00	102.46	3.50	3.00	102.96
44	Rev. James T. Woodbury	100.00	109.66	3.50	2.00	111.16
45	Henry M. Smith	75.00	75.95	2.62	3.00	75.57
46	Julian Tuttle	100.00	109.00	3.50	3.00	109.50
47	James E. Harris	50.00	50.48	1.75	1.50	50.73
48	Francis Conant	100.00	101.26	3.50	3.00	101.76
49	Elbridge G. Parker	100.00	102.18	3.50	3.50	102.18
50	Lemuel and Augusta Dole	100.00	103.85	3.50	3.00	104.35
51	Edwin Fletcher	50.00	50.88	1.75	1.50	51.13
52	Nancy Raymond and Joseph Estabrook	100.00	100.22	3.50	3.50	100.22
53	Edward Tuttle	100.00	101.00	3.50	3.00	101.50
54	Abram H. Jones	100.00	100.44	3.50	3.50	100.44
55	Joseph A. Whitcomb	100.00	103.33	3.50	3.50	103.33
56	Isaac T. Flagg	100.00	102.54	3.50	3.00	103.04
57	Jonas K. Putney	150.00	154.46	5.25	4.00	155.71
58	Joseph Reed	50.00	51.40	1.75	1.00	52.15
59	Charlotte C. Flagg	100.00	101.00	3.50	3.00	101.50
60	Cyrus G. Dole	100.00	101.37	3.50	3.00	101.87
61	Daniel Fletcher	100.00	103.92	3.50	6.00	101.42
62	Asa Parker	100.00	102.33	3.50	3.00	102.83
63	William N. Wood	100.00	103.25	3.50	3.00	103.75

64	Leonard Bulette	100.00	101.70	3.50	3.00	102.20
65	Ruth Robbins	100.00	100.90	3.50	2.50	101.90
66	Henry T. Billings	100.00	100.83	3.50	3.50	100.83
67	Mary E. Lothrop	200.00	202.94	7.00	5.12	204.82
68	Lewis Wood, Jr.	100.00	102.03	3.50	2.50	103.03
69	George Conant	100.00	104.66	3.50	6.00	102.16
70	Zoeth Taylor	50.00	50.73	1.75	1.50	50.98
71	Herbert S. Lane	100.00	100.58	3.50	2.00	102.08
72	George H. Harris	100.00	102.90	3.50	.....	106.40
73	Mary W. Fletcher	100.00	.....	2.03	.....	102.03
74	John J. Lothrop	50.00	.....	.87	.....	50.87
75	Franklin P. Wood	100.00	.....	1.16	.....	101.16
76	Israel H. Giles	100.00	.....	.29	.....	100.29
Totals (Woodlawn)		8,450.00	8,278.52	287.84	262.37	8,703.99

* \$50 deposited Jan. 1, 1915.

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY

1	Eliza A. Whitecomb	\$75.00	\$81.14	\$2.62	\$2.00	\$81.76
2	Phineas Wetherbee	1'sh.FRR	27.65	5.00	2.25	30.40
3	S. Lizzie Hayward	100.00	119.60	3.50	2.00	121.10
4	Frank C. Hayward	500.00	509.33	17.50	*17.50	509.33
5	George C. Wright	100.00	136.15	3.50	2.25	137.40
6	George Crampton	100.00	109.15	3.50	2.25	110.40
7	Joel Wright	100.00	110.90	3.50	2.00	112.40
8	George S. Wright	100.00	110.90	3.50	2.25	112.15
9	George C. Wright (Davis Memorial)	50.00	71.55	1.75	.....	73.30
10	B. H. and O. K. Patch	50.00	46.40	1.75	.....	48.15
11	Howard E. Faulkner	150.00	174.80	5.25	2.50	177.55
12	J. Warren Hayward	50.00	51.15	1.75	1.50	51.40
13	Lewis B. Goodnow	100.00	108.40	3.50	2.25	109.65
14	Sarah A. Hutchins	100.00	112.41	3.50	2.25	113.66
15	F. D. Walcott	100.00	113.31	3.50	2.50	114.31
16	A. Louise Warren and Simon Hosmer	150.00	165.27	5.25	4.50	166.02
17	John R. Houghton	100.00	109.87	3.50	2.25	111.12
18	William A. Cutler and Bradley Stone	100.00	106.58	3.50	4.00	106.08
19	John Blanchard	100.00	113.08	3.50	2.25	114.33
20	Wheeler and Shattuck	50.00	51.71	1.75	2.00	51.46
21	George H. Decoster	100.00	107.00	3.50	+3.50	107.00
22	Henderson Rowell	50.00	50.28	1.75	2.00	50.03
23	Luke Blanchard	500.00	607.50	20.00	.....	627.50
24	L. Blanchard, S. Blanchard tomb	100.00	121.00	4.00	.....	125.00
25	Calvin and Luther Blanchard Mem'l.	100.00	117.00	4.00	.....	121.00

26	John Temple and Edward F. Pratt ...	50.00	51.03	1.75	2.00	50.78
27	W. K. Davy	50.00	51.09	1.75	2.00	50.84
28	Ella F. and Lucius S. Hosmer	100.00	108.97	3.50	2.25	110.22
29	Caroline A. Hosmer	100.00	108.85	3.50	2.25	110.10
30	Isaiah Reed	100.00	108.73	3.50	2.25	109.98
31	Benjamin F. Hapgood	100.00	107.48	3.50	2.25	108.73
32	Lucy A. (Wetherbee) Burbeck	100.00	106.73	3.50	2.50	107.73
33	Francis Jones	50.00	50.04	1.75	2.25	49.54
34	Simon Hartwell	100.00	106.70	3.50	2.25	107.95
35	Emerson Fuller	100.00	105.15	3.50	2.50	106.15
36	John Porter Priest	100.00	103.40	3.50	2.25	104.65
37	Harriet Davis Brown	100.00	103.50	3.50	2.25	104.75
38	Oliver Mead	100.00	103.53	3.50	2.50	104.53
39	Bessie E. Brown	100.00	102.66	3.50	2.00	104.16
40	George Gardner	100.00	102.08	3.50	2.00	103.58
41	Hiram J. Hapgood	100.00	101.54	3.50	2.25	102.79
42	Charles Robinson	75.00	76.09	2.62	2.00	76.71
42	Emerline A. Johnson, F. E. Flint					
	H. Louis Bush	400.00	415.77	14.00	9.00	420.77
44	Nahum Littlefield	50.00	50.02	1.75	1.00	50.77
45	Francis Hayward	100.00	100.25	3.50	1.50	102.25
46	Charles S. Twichell	50.00	50.29	1.75	1.75	50.29
47	Francis Pratt	50.00	50.00	1.75	1.75	50.00
48	Marcus M. Keyes	500.00	.....	11.66	3.75	507.91
49	Alexander P. Bean	100.00	.....	2.33	1.75	100.58

April 20, 1915
April 26, 1915

50 July 13, 1915	Bancroft Whitcomb	100.00	.....	1.45	.....	101.45
51..Oct. 23, 1915	Hobart E. Mead	100.00	.....	.58	.....	100.58
	Totals (Mt. Hope)	6000.00	5696.03	206.51	122.25	6580.29
	Totals	14850.00	14401.44	508.35	394.62	15715.17

*Paid to F. C. Hayward.

†Paid to George H. De Coster.

NORTH CEMETERY

1	Samuel Temple	50.00	51.54	1.75	1.50	51.79
2	Frances Hutchinson	50.00	52.29	1.75	1.50	52.54
3	Henrietta Anderson	50.00	51.79	1.75	1.50	52.04
4	Mary Hapgood	50.00	51.52	1.75	1.50	51.77
5	Jerusha Blood	200.00	219.75	7.00	4.00	222.75
		400.00	426.89	14.00	10.00	430.89

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

Investments

Warren Institution for Savings, Book 83,531	\$1,100.20	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, Book 71,200	1,000.00	
City Institution for Savings, Lowell, Book 84,244.....	1,000.00	
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		\$3,100.20

Receipts

Warren Institution for Savings, divi- dends	\$43.74	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank, dividends	42.95	
City Institution for Savings, dividend	20.00	
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		\$126.69

Payments

Paid Julian Tuttle, care of Goodnow lot in Woodlawn Cemetery	\$7.00
Unexpended income for care of ceme- tery lot deposited with Warren Institution for Savings	16.74
H. F. Robbins, treasurer of the Evan- gelical Church in Acton	102.95
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	\$126.69

LUTHER CONANT,
I. WARREN FLAGG,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Trustees of Goodnow Fund.

**TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
FOR THE YEAR 1915**

Trustees

LUTHER CONANT, President

E. FAULKNER CONANT, Secretary

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DELETTE H. HALL

The pleasant circle of the board of trustees has again been broken by the death of one of our number. Mr. Moses Taylor, one of the charter members, passed away at the ripe age of ninety-three years. To show what a single life may include of our country's history, we record that he was born during the administration of James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States, and died in the term of Woodrow Wilson, the twenty-eighth. Texas, California, New Mexico and Arizona, Alaska and our vast insular possessions all were added to the area of our country during his life.

*Died June 10, 1915.

It is not easy for one who has lost a lifetime loyal friend to keep within proper limits in this brief notice, for a record of Mr. Taylor's public services would almost require a history of the town for the past sixty years. We mention his help to Mr. Wilde in clearing the lot on which the public library is located; that he carried the subscription papers for building the Congregational church in 1847, and gave largely to the remodeling of the church building in 1898; that he built several of the houses in the village; that for many years he carried on a large farm, and set out extensive orchards, that he made many blades of grass grow where none had grown before.

His attendance at the town primaries and town meetings was so faithful that once when illness kept him away from a caucus, a vote of sympathy was passed and conveyed to him with the signatures of the chairman and secretary.

He bore the afflictions which befell him in his advanced years with fortitude and never lost that sunniness of temperament which was one of his leading traits. He lived to see his children's children and a goodly number of still another generation. He had the friendship and even the affection of his fellow townsmen to an unusual degree. Much more might be said of many kindly acts and liberal support to numerous good causes, but this will, perhaps, suffice. We would observe, however, that while noted for his personal generosity, he consistently opposed the extravagance, state, municipal and social, that is sapping the life blood of our people.

A somewhat careful examination of the twenty-sixth report of the Free Public Library Commission of the state shows that the circulation of our library in comparison with others falls considerably below the average, although the number of volumes is above. We should note some causes: We have in the town a competitor with a large circulation; a large part of the population of the town resides at a dis-

tance of two or three miles or more from the Center village, where the library building is located. In addition, the town sends its high school pupils to Concord, where they have access to one of the oldest and best libraries in the state.

The board has accepted all the suggestions of the state officials in this matter. We shall be glad to receive from any of our patrons advice that would tend to bring an increase in the circulation, and thereby add to the usefulness of Mr. Wilde's munificent gift.

We have learned with much pleasure of a bequest of five hundred dollars in the will of the late Mr. Luke Tuttle, the income of which will soon become available. We are glad to report that Mr. Hoit, our town treasurer, will in the future render a separate statement of the income from this and other similar funds.

Two years ago we copied from the Massachusetts archives a list of the members of the militia company that Acton sent out in the war of 1812. From the same sources, we, this year, print a list of the Acton minute men of 1775, who led in the attack that made the old North Bridge at Concord one of the famous landmarks of American history.

John Hayward, Captain	Reuben Law, Private
John Heald, Lieutenant	Benja Hayward, Private
David Furbush, 2nd Lieut.	Simon Hunt, Jr., Private
William Mackfield, Sergeant	Elijah Davice, Private
Oliver Emerson, Sergeant	Ephraim Furbush, Private
John Davis, Corporal	Abraham Hapgood, Private
David Davis, Corporal	Ezekiel Davis, Private
John Barker, Corporal	Ebenezer Edwards, Private
Thomas Darby, Private	John Robbins, Private
John Harris, Private	Joseph Barker, Private
Ebenezer Heald, Private	William Johnson, Private
James Davis, Private	Reuben Davis, Private
Phillip Piper, Private	Joseph Reed, Private

Stephen Shepherd, Private
 Thomas Thorp, Private
 Solomon Smith, Private
 Jonas Hunt, Private
 Moses Wood, Private
 Ephraim Billings, Private

Joseph Chaffin, Private
 Samuel Tempel, Private
 Abraham Young, Private
 Francis Barker (Drummer)
 Luther Blanchard (Fifer)

It should be noted that the official payrolls from which this list was copied do not include the names of those **three** Acton martyrs in the cause of American Independence: Captain Isaac Davis, James Hayward and Abner Hosmer.

This payroll was made up and sworn to in December, 1775, or a few months after the fight, by Captain John Hayward, who succeeded to the command of the company, after the death of Captain Davis.

We wish that every son and daughter of Acton would read the tenth chapter of the fourth volume of Bancroft's history, in our library. They will soon see whom this recognized authority considered the real heroes of the Concord fight. It is no exaggeration to say that in leadership, discipline, training, equipment and daring this company had no superior among the various organizations of minute men in existence at the commencement of the American Revolution.

The trustees recommend the usual appropriations.

Very respectfully,

LUTHER CONANT,

For the Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Accessions: Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1915, 12,356. Increase by purchase, 341, of which 12 were obtained by binding magazines. Increase by gift, 46. Total increase 387. Number of volumes in the library, Jan. 1, 1916, 12,743.

Circulation: Number of days the library was opened, 103. Number of volumes circulated 8,010. Daily average circulation 77 plus. Largest daily circulation 147, on Aug. 7. Smallest daily circulation, 31, on Aug. 4.

Received for fines	\$20.79
Expended for postage .....	.79

\$20.00

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: United States government, 8; state of Massachusetts, 13; P. Andreae, 1; Association of American Portland Cement Manufacturers, 2; Mrs. M. J. Brown, 10; Carnegie Peace Foundation, 1; General Education Board, 1; Massachusetts Society, S. A. R., 1; H. G. S. Noble, 1; A. L. Noyes, 1; O. W. Norton, 1; Hispanic Society, New York, 1; P. E. Sargent, 1; F. W. Whitridge, 1; Woman Suffrage headquarters, 1; Forty-ninth encampment, G. A. R., 1; 1 volume Acton town reports. Total, 46.

ARTHUR F. DAVIS,
Librarian.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN 1915

NON-FICTION

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| Adams, F. U.—Conquest of the Tropics | 917.28-A212c |
| Adams, J. C.—Nature studies in Berkshire | 917.3-A194n |
| Anderson, F. I.—Electricity for the farm | 62-A546e |
| Angeli, A.—New Spanish English dictionary | 46-A582n |
| Anon—Factories and warehouses of concrete | 69-A100f |
| Anon—King Albert's book | 940-A100k |
| Anon—Manual training course in concrete | 69-A100m |
| Anon—Massachusetts Society, S. A. R., register of
members | 36-A100m |
| Andreae, P.—The prohibition movement | 32-A556p |
| Angel, N.—Arms and industry | 32-A583a |
| Antonius, M. A.—Writings | 87-A635t |
| Bailey, E. H. S.—A textbook of sanitary and applied
chemistry | 66-B154t |
| Baker, E. A.—History in Fiction | 02-B167h |
| Bancroft, H. H.—History of Mexico | 972-B213h |
| Banks, E. J.—The Bible and the Spade | 22-B218b |
| Beard, D. C.—Shelters, shacks and shanties | 79-B363s |
| Benson, A. C.—The orchard pavilion | 82-B474o |
| Bergling, J. M.—Art alphabets and lettering | 74-B498a |
| Berget, A.—The earth, its life and death | 55-B495e |
| Bjorkman, F. M., and Porrit, A. G.—Woman Suffrage | 32-B626w |
| Boardman, H. A.—Discourse on the life and character of
Daniel Webster | 922-W378b |
| Bond, A. R.—Handy man's workshop and laboratory | 68-B711h |

- Borrow, G.—Wild Wales 914.2-B737w
- Borrow, G.—The Zincali, an account of the gypsies of
Spain 914.6-B737z
- Brame, J. S. S.—Fuel, solid, liquid and gaseous 66-B815f
- Burns, J.—How to play tennis 79-B967h
- Cahalane, C. F.—Police practice and procedure 35-C132p
- Cato-Varro—Roman farm management 63-C366r
- Chase, J. C.—Decorative design 74-C487d
- Clark, F. E.—The charm of Scandinavia 914.8-C592c
- Cobb, T.—Busting 'em 81-C653b
- Collins, A. F.—The book of the wireless 62-C712b
- Cote, G. D. H.—The world of labor 33-C689w
- Crapsey, A. S.—The rise of the working class 33-C893r
- Crawford, M. C.—Social life in old New England
973.2-C899s
- Dall, W. H.—Spencer Fullerton Baird 922-B163d
- Dumbell, K. E. M.—California and the far west 917.3-D898c
- Dupuy, W. A.—Uncle Sam's modern miracles 35-D945un
- Embury, A. 2nd—Early American churches 973.2-E53e
- Emerson, H.—Efficiency 33-E53e
- Enenkel, A.—A new dictionary of the English and
Italian languages 45-E56n
- Ewart, J. A., and Field, W. S.—A civil service manual
3 vols 35-E94c
- Fabre, J. H.—Bramble bees and others 59-F123b
- Fabre, J. H. The mason bees 59-F123m
- Fiske, A. K.—Honest business 33-F541h
- Gardner, M. T.—Winners of the world 920-G227w
- Gilman, L.—Edward McDowell 922-M138g
- Goya—Drawings 75-G724d
- Graves, F. P.—A history of education in modern times
37-G776h
- Haddock, F. C.—Power of will 15-H127p
- Harbison, E. G.—Low cost receipts 64-H255l
- Harris, G.—Audel's answers on practical engineering
62-H314a
- Hartt, R. L.—Understanding the French 914.4-H385u

- Hepburn, A. B.—Artificial waterways of the world 38-H529a
- Herrick, M. T.—Rural credits 33-H566r
- Hicks, A. M.—The craft of hand-made rugs 67-H631c
- Hoeber, A.—The Barbazon painters 925-H693b
- Hopkins, J. C.—French Canada and the St. Lawrence 917.1-H794f
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Committee and Superintendent
of Schools

OF THE
TOWN OF ACTON

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1915



THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE
HUDSON, MASS.

1916

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1916

THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

March	10.	Winter term closes	13 weeks
		Vacation, One Week	
March	20.	Spring term opens	
June	16.	Spring term closes	13 weeks
		Summer Vacation	

1916-1917

Sept.	5.	Fall term opens	
Nov.	24.	Fall term closes	12 weeks
		Vacation, One Week	
Dec.	4.	Winter term opens	
		Vacation (Dec. 22-Jan. 1) One Week	
March	10.	Winter term closes	14 weeks
		Vacation, One Week	
March	26.	Spring term opens	
June	15.	Spring term closes	12 weeks
Total			38 weeks

SPECIAL EXERCISE DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

1916

- Feb. 11. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
- Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
- Apr. 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
- May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.
- Oct. 11. Columbus Day exercises, one hour.
- Thanksgiving Day exercises, one hour.

1917

- Feb. 12. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
- Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
- Apr. 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
- May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS

The words, "legal holiday," shall include the twenty-second day of February, the nineteenth day of April, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the first Monday of September, the twelfth day of October, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or the day following when any of the four days first mentioned, the twelfth day of October, or Christmas day occurs on Sunday.

Arbor day occurs on the last Saturday in April, and is not a legal holiday.

Flag day occurs on June 14, and is not a legal holiday. It should be observed by any school then in session.

SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

School Committee

Bertram E. Hall, SecretaryTerm expires 1916
 Edwin A. Phalen, ChairmanTerm expires 1917
 Herbert W. LewisTerm expires 1918

Superintendent

Frank H. Hill. Residence, Littleton, Mass.
 Telephone No. 36-3, Littleton

Attendance Officers

Thomas Seanlon. Address, West Acton
 Asaph Parlin. Address, Acton Center
 Walter M. French. Address, South Acton

Janitors

Fred S. Glines. Address, South Acton
 Thomas Seanlon. Address, West Acton
 Asaph Parlin. Address, Acton Center

Teachers in Service, January, 1916

Teacher	School	Appointed	Educated	Home Address
Martha F. Smith	Center Primary	1902	Lowell Normal	Acton, Mass.
Ella L. Miller	Center Intermediate	1899	Framingham Normal	North Acton
Marion H. Barrett	Center Grammar	1915	Plymouth State Nor'l.	Derry, N. H.
Elizabeth A. Hinkleley	South Lower Primary	1909	Hyannis Normal	Hyannis, Mass.
Julia L. McCarthy	South Upper Primary	1906	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Jennie E. Stowell	South Intermediate	1907	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Emma M. Halliday	South Grammar	1914	Gorham, Me., Normal	Calais, Me.
Harriet H. Gardner	West Primary	1889	Ayer, Mass.	West Acton, Mass.
Ruth L. Harrington	West Intermediate	1915	Fitchburg Normal	Lunenburg
Eula S. Taylor	West Grammar	1909	Mt. Holyoke College	South Acton
Alice M. Genthner	Supervisor of Music	1910	N. E. Con. of Music	Foxcroft, Me.
Marion C. Taylor	Supervisor of Drawing	1912	Mass. Normal Art	Acton, Mass.

STANDING RULES

Rule 1. *Children under five years shall not be admitted to the public schools.

Rule 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school, according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

Rule 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term.

Rule 4. Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them until returned to the teacher.

Rule 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in the care of the school committee, except by their authorized agents.

Rule 6. There shall be no signal for "no school" on stormy or other inclement days, but parents shall determine in their individual cases whether it is expedient to send their children to school or not.

*When the birthday of a child falls on or before the 15th day of the month it is reckoned as falling upon the first day of that month.

GENERAL REPORT

The committee met and organized on April 2nd, 1915. Mr. E. A. Phalen was chosen chairman, and Mr. B. E. Hall, secretary. Meetings have been held nearly every month during the year.

Through advice from Superintendent Hill, it was learned that many books were lying idle and useless in the South Acton schools. The committee therefore deemed it best to dispose of these books, and accordingly bids were asked for from several book dealers. The prices offered, however, were so low that the committee did not think it advisable to accept any of these offers. Later, arrangements were made with Finney & Hoit for the sale of these books on a commission basis to the townspeople. At this writing, we learn that there has already been received more money from a sale of part of these books than was offered by the dealers for the whole lot, and furthermore the books have remained at home to be a source of education and pleasure for our own people.

In presenting the following financial report, we wish to call your attention to the fact that, although the town finance committee at the regular town meeting in March, 1915, recommended a cut in the school appropriations to \$15,000.00, and the town so voted, it was very apparent to this committee that such a sum would be insufficient to carry the schools through the year. With the idea of finding out how the finance committee proposed to save this much money, they were invited to attend the first meeting of this committee after the town meeting. A general discussion of the situation was had but no tangible solution of the problem of

how to save on school expenses was brought out. It seemed to this committee that nothing short of some drastic action, such as closing the schools, etc., could bring the expenses down to the figure recommended by the finance committee.

A careful analysis of the following disbursements will show that nearly one-half of the total expenses for the support of our schools is for out-of-town pupils. In other words, it costs nearly as much to maintain approximately eighty-five pupils out of town as it does something like three hundred forty scholars at home. Fully realizing this very disproportionate cost, this committee was loath to take any action which would be detrimental to our elementary schools in favor of those attending outside schools, where the committee has practically no jurisdiction. Therefore, at a special town meeting in September, we asked for an additional appropriation, and even this, with receipts from outside sources amounting to almost \$2,500.00, was insufficient to cover the total cost, which came very close to the original estimate of this committee. In fact, with the addition of one tuition bill to the town of Concord for agricultural scholars, which was paid from other sources, our estimate was only a few dollars from the actual expenditures.

Our estimates for the coming year have been prepared with equal care, and in view of the probable addition of about twenty pupils to the Concord high school, we feel that the additional amount asked for in the following estimate is fully warranted, and we ask your careful consideration.

The committee wishes to publicly thank the donor of the beautiful old engraving, called "Cornelia and Her Jewels," which adorns the wall of our South Acton grammar school. This picture was the gift of Mrs. Sophia Faulkner Campbell in memory of her sister, Lottie Faulkner, who was once a teacher here.

Following is our estimate of expenses for 1916, and the details of receipts and disbursements for 1915:

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1916

For general expenses:

Salaries and other expenses of the committee	\$100.00
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Salaries and other expenses of the superintendent and truant officer	600.00
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For expenses of instruction:

Tuition of pupils attending out of town schools	8,000.00
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Salaries of elementary school teachers	5,890.00
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For textbooks:

For elementary schools it is antici- pated that the amount to be received from dog tax will cover this item	290.00
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For stationery and supplies:

Elementary schools	313.00
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For expenses of operating school plants:

Wages of janitors, fuel and mis- cellaneous expenses	1,795.00
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*Maintenance and repairs	375.00
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For auxiliary agencies:

Health	75.00
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For transportation:

High school scholars	2,300.00
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Elementary scholars	1,850.00
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Total	\$21,588.00
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Less estimated income from various outside sources	2,500.00
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\$19,088.00

*Includes installing town water in South school and
electric lights in basements of West and Center schools.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1915

Appropriations

At regular town meeting in March, 1915	\$15,000.00
At special town meeting in September, 1915; unexpended balance in 1914	1,867.82
Outside sources:	
Income Massachusetts school fund	\$1,103.83
Superintendent of school fund ...	343.75
Massachusetts state treasurer:	
Tuition of children	158.60
Educational Independent Indus- trial school	567.38
Tuition of Enid Sadler	13.50
Tuition of Charlotte Gooch	9.00
B. & M. R. R., refund on ticket ..	2.00
Dog licenses	292.01
Sale of old papers	1.07
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	\$2,491.14
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Total	\$19,358.96

DISBURSEMENTS

General Expenses

School Committee

Salaries:

Paid B. E. Hall, salary for nine months to December 31, 1915	\$56.25
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Miscellaneous:

Paid Rumford Supply Co.	\$1.00
Wright & Potter Printing Co. ...	1.57
Samuel Ward Co.85
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	\$3.42

Superintendent of Schools and Enforcement of Law

Salaries:

Paid Frank H. Hill, superintendent .	\$577.50
Asaph Parlin	2.00
Thomas Scanlon ,	4.00
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	\$583.50

Miscellaneous:

Paid Rumford Supply Co.	\$2.06
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.26
Frank H. Hill, telephone, postage and stationery	14.35
Eleanor L. Hill, secretary to sup- erintendent	36.73
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	\$54.40

Expense of Instruction

Paid Town of Concord, high school ..	\$5,718.54
Town of Stow, high school	100.00
Town of Concord, agricultural ..	616.75
City of Lowell, industrial	90.00

\$6,525.29

Elementary Schools:

Paid Harriet H. Gardner	\$561.00
E. Sophia Taylor	494.10
Esther Vance	268.80
Ella L. Miller	513.00
Martha F. Smith	513.00
Minnie Gamble	310.50
Emma M. Halliday	527.00
Elizabeth A. Hinckley	513.00
Julia L. McCarthy	513.00
Jennie E. Stowell	513.00
Emily Nagle	154.00
Mrs. Frank K. Howe	37.60
Alice M. Genthner	200.18
Marion C. Taylor	200.18
Ruth L. Harrington	185.00
Marion H. Barrett	187.50

\$5,690.86

Text Books

Paid E. P. Dutton & Co.	\$2.36
Edward E. Babb & Co.	205.20
Boston School Supply Co.	25.24
J. L. Hammett Co.	1.97
Ginn & Co.	22.14
Silver Burdett & Co.	17.49
H. H. Gardner .....	.72

\$275.12

Stationery and Supplies

Elementary:

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$273.81
J. L. Hammett Co.	11.61
Fred S. Glines	2.89
Ginn & Co.	2.44
Boston School Supply Co.	3.54
Finney & Hoit	5.86
Oliver Ditson Co.	1.87
H. H. Gardner ....	.49
G. L. Noyes	1.65
Thomas Scanlon ....	.96
A. Flanagan Co.	2.25
Huntley S. Turner	11.60

 \$318.97

Expenses of Operating School Plants

Wages of Janitors

Elementary:

Paid Fred S. Glines	\$360.00
Thomas Scanlon	337.00
Asaph Parlin	291.00

 \$988.00

Fuel

Paid T. C. Downie	\$7.00
Fred S. Whitecomb	18.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.,	38.75
George H. Reed	647.46
Hall Bros. Co.	2.50

 \$713.71

Miscellaneous

Paid Tuttle & Newton	\$4.53
W. & S. Water Supply District of Acton	24.00
J. T. McNiff	1.00
Asaph Parlin	15.83
American Woolen Co.	7.28
Thomas Scanlon	13.00
Fred S. Glines	12.90
D. Hennessey	3.00
Finney & Hoit .....	.50
Hopkinson & Holden	3.75

\$85.79

Maintenance

Repairs

Paid E. T. Rice	\$33.84
M. E. Taylor & Co.	49.08
George H. Gutteridge	4.00
Alma Stowell .....	.85
Tuttle & Newton	4.72
George H. Reed	5.63
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.,	6.13
Finney & Hoit .....	.36
E. Z. Stanley	4.50
Thomas Scanlon	3.00
E. C. Page	8.67
B. E. Hall	1.00

\$121.78

Auxiliary Agencies**Health**

Paid Thomas Scanlon	\$2.83
George B. Robbins Disinfectant Co.	87.50
H. W. Lewis .....	.44
D. Hennessey	5.00
J. W. Livermore	1.50
F. S. Glines .....	.47

 \$97.74
Transportation**High School:**

Paid N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	\$355.15
B. & M. R. R. Co.	1,530.28
Helen E. Hardy	2.40
E. H. Carey	30.80
H. W. Bursaw	11.10

 \$1,929.73
Lowell Industrial School:

Paid N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	\$41.10
B. & M. R. R. Co.	20.00
Herbert W. Merriam	2.58
J. B. Nims	1.72

 \$65.40
Elementary:

Paid A. Christofferson	\$418.00
Walter M. French	354.00
James Mekkelson	532.00
Charles Edwards	545.00

 \$1,849.00

Total transportation

\$3,844.13

Total disbursements	\$19,358.96
Total receipts	19,358.96

Unpaid Bills

Town of Concord, balance of tuition bill	\$208.26
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Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. PHALEN,
HERBERT W. LEWIS,
BERTRAM E. HALL,

Committee.

Acton, January 14, 1916.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Gentlemen of the Committee:

Following is my sixth report, the twenty-fourth in the series of such annual reports.

Since issuing my last report two changes have taken place in the teaching force of this town. After a long term of faithful service, Miss Minnie Gamble resigned in June from the Acton Center grammar school, and Miss Marion H. Barrett, a graduate of McGaw Normal Institute and of the Plymouth, N. H., Normal school, was appointed teacher of grades 7 and 8 in that school. Miss Esther Vance of the West Acton Intermediate school having resigned to take a position in her home town of Norwood, Miss Ruth Harrington of Fitchburg Normal school was appointed in her place. Thus two teachers in a force of twelve (including special teachers) are new teachers, not a large percentage of loss for a town accessible to larger and wealthier communities paying higher salaries and offering other inducements in the way of fewer grades, longer school year and systematic increases of salary for continued and successful service.

As the subject of thrift is authorized by the state, and since it is quite as important in its effect upon the future welfare of the pupil as many other subjects in the school program, I feel that the school savings bank system, introduced several years ago as a direct means of encouraging thrift, should be recognized as a legitimate school enterprise to the extent that any expense in the collecting and depositing of school savings shall be borne by the school appropriation. I think the sum of fifteen dollars will be sufficient

for this purpose and recommend its appropriation. The present collectors are entirely satisfactory, but their expenses to and from the bank should be borne by the schools instead of by themselves or by organizations. One collector living at Acton Center could well stop at West and South Acton for the collections in those schools, and still further reduce the cost of carrying on this excellent system.

There seems to be a need for more constant and effective interpretation of the laws of truancy. I recommend an additional truant officer with enough leisure time to attend promptly and vigorously to reported cases of truancy. I further recommend that when explanation of the law and a return to school of the offender shall not result in permanent attendance, without reasonable excuse, that the offending parent be taken to court for a clearer understanding of the law of truancy, and that the truant officer, in receiving his appointment shall be assured of our moral support in such an emergency.

With many holidays coming in term time, with many conventions and an occasional visiting day, the school year is all too short. I recommend that the week containing Thanksgiving be a vacation week, thus saving two days to the schools. Another day might be saved by beginning the school year the Monday following Labor day, and extending the closing of the school year one week later into June.

The longer I am associated with the schools the more convinced I am that, that the responsibility for getting the children to school on stormy days should rest with the parents; that, so long as other people go about their business, with trains running and roads and sidewalks open, the schools should be open for business; that parents should ask themselves, not, will there be a school today, but, are my children properly equipped with health and clothes to go to school through this storm. Upon this answer the school attendance for that session should depend. It might happen that the school would be so manifestly inaccessible by reason of snow or mud and rain, that common sense would rule against the opening of the school. There would be no at-

tendance on such a day and the school would close automatically. Should a system of closing the schools on stormy days be adopted, less rigorous than that I have proposed, some method should be devised whereby all the schools should close, either for a half or a whole day. Heretofore the lack of concerted action has kept some teachers at their desks, while others have enjoyed a whole or half-holiday. I recommend that a no-session system be devised to make the closing of schools uniform on stormy days; or that parents be instructed to use their own judgment on stormy days, knowing that the schools will be in session.

I am interested in a home work system of awards devised to bring about a closer cooperation between the home and school. The system would add somewhat to the cost of administration, and impose an extra burden upon the teachers. The result, however, must show a contribution of benefit to our present efforts in the teaching of thrift, efficiency, art, hygiene, music; and a more positive vocational guidance, inasmuch as qualities and aptitude, so little recognized under our present system of education, must come out into the open under this treatment. The plan is to give credits for home work of various kinds. I will cite a few of the different kinds to make the meaning of the plan clear:

Work	Credits
Building fire in the morning	1
Milking cow	1
Currying a horse	2
Mending a chair	4
Making biscuits	2
Getting an entire meal	6
Wiping the dishes	3
Bathing	6
Washing, ironing and starching own school-clothes,	20
Clean hands, face and nails	3
Retiring before 9 o'clock	1
Sleeping with window open	1

There are certain rules to be observed, chief of which are such rules as help in carrying out important and desirable school regulations: Pupils who are absent without proper excuse from parents will lose ten credits, for instance; or a certain number of credits will add a certain per cent to a pupil's other rank. The expense comes from the printed awards issued, samples of which I will submit to you as soon as received from the publishers.

Without in any sense finding fault, I would like to express the opinion that school-barge drivers should very promptly heed the signals of automobiles coming up behind, and leave a large margin for such automobiles to pass. Also, that they should do a little more than their share toward dividing the road with approaching automobiles. The human instinct is to keep and take what belongs to one. But in the case of barges carrying school children the human instinct would not be justified in taking any chances of a mistake on the part of the other driver. They are charged with the protection of the children, not with the assertion of their legal rights-to-the-road. I am writing this in all of my reports as the expression of a principle, not as a complaint against any driver in any town.

I have gone carefully over the financial report of the schools for the year 1914-1915, with a view to determining approximately the cost per pupil for the several agencies that are concerned in the elementary education of the town. Deducting the state aid in the superintendent's salary, and the Massachusetts school fund from teachers' salaries, following is the result obtained:

School committee and expenses, per pupil	\$.38
Superintendent, per pupil .....	.40
Enforcement of law and census, per pupil .....	.11
Instruction, per pupil	9.29
Text books, per pupil .....	.83
Stationery and supplies, per pupil .....	.65
Janitor service, per pupil	2.52
Fuel, per pupil	2.72

Miscellaneous, per pupil .....	.37
Repairs, per pupil	1.25
Health, per pupil .....	.25
Transportation, per pupil	6.54

This is exclusive of state aid. The per pupil cost of transportation would be considerably larger if apportioned among the actual number riding on the barges instead of on the whole enrollment. The total per pupil cost to the town is approximately \$25.00.

Should none of the pupils in grade eight fail of promotion, and should all go to Concord high school next September, the number in Concord high next year would exceed the number now in that school by twenty-two. Forty-one pupils are preparing to go in, and nineteen are preparing to graduate. There would then be one hundred three pupils in Concord high school, from the town of Acton, requiring approximately an increase of \$2,200.00 in tuition and transportation.

In previous recommendations relating to the high school question I have expressed no fault-finding with the instruction in the Concord high school, or with the variety of the courses offered. I have not been able to promise a high school in Acton that would give equally efficient service. The problem has been mainly one of finance, wherein about half the people of Acton think it is costing the town too much for its high school privileges, and the other half seem willing to stand for even a greater cost than at present. To me, having the elementary schools alone to care for, the cost between maintaining three hundred forty pupils in the elementary schools and some eighty-one pupils in the high school seems disproportionate. We are not increasing the salaries of our elementary teachers, we are having no new apparatus, few new books; we have no sewing, cooking, manual training in our seventh and eighth grades, as we should, for there is where such subjects should be taken up, rather than in the high school (unless indeed they are commenced even lower down in the grades). Many of

our teachers have been with us many years at substantially the same salary they were receiving five years ago. I present the situation without comment for the consideration of the townspeople.

A 1915 Bulletin of the Board of Education, Bulletin No. 4, entitled Reorganization of Elementary Education for Older Children should be read by every citizen of Acton, for it contains the explanation of a plan that might help to solve the high school problem for Acton. I will quote from portions of this pamphlet:

"A new plan of reorganization and one which is probably best adapted to conditions in Massachusetts, consists of a six years' program for the elementary school, the program of four years for the high school remaining as at present as regards the entering age and qualifications of pupils, while a new form of school, to be known as the intermediate school, the courses in which shall require for completion two or three years' time, according to the qualifications of various groups of pupils is proposed. Courses in the intermediate school are intended for pupils who have finished the work of the first six grades, and also for pupils of less attainment who have nevertheless passed the age of twelve.

"The most effective organization of the intermediate school involves the provision of a building especially devoted to this purpose, apart from buildings used for pupils in the first six grades, and, in smaller communities, adjoining the high school if possible, since this arrangement permits to some extent a common use of laboratories and of the services of special teachers for the pupils in the intermediate school.

" * * * * Another plan is to house the intermediate school in the high school building, the administration of the intermediate school being kept separate and distinct from that of the high school.

" * * * * At present, when manual training and household arts find a place in the school program, those subjects are usually taught by departmental teachers. * * * * In

any intermediate school a part of the teaching, at least, should be on the departmental basis. The opportunity for beginning a foreign language, for example, should be offered to those pupils who at the age of twelve desire it. Such a subject can be taught effectively only by a special teacher. Manual training and household arts are also departmental subjects. Probably any development of the intermediate idea would extend the range of departmental teaching.

“ * * * * The intermediate school would be situated in a central position in each town * * * * and thus necessarily at some distance from the homes of many of the pupils. Children over twelve years of age, it may be assumed, could readily walk at least a mile to school. The intermediate school would be housed in a large building, with adequate provisions for shops, laboratories, library and gymnasium. Much of the teaching would be organized on the departmental plan, and such subjects as history, mathematics and practical arts for boys would be in charge of men because of their experience in practical and civic activities. Such subjects as English language, English literature and household arts for girls might be taught by women teachers. The foreign languages if included in the program might also be taught by a woman. An intermediate school would of necessity be in charge of a supervising principal, who, in a small community, might also be principal of the high school. The latter arrangement would be preferable if the intermediate school were situated near, or housed in, the high school building.”

The intermediate school is sometimes called a junior high school. The reorganization of the lower grades into a six grade complete unit, but connecting closely with the intermediate school, would be necessary. The reorganization of the schools of Acton on this plan would bring together all the pupils of the town above the sixth grade for departmental work and high school work suited to their needs from an early age, settle forever the present high school problem, take care of the transportation question, and make Acton one of the pioneer towns in the Common-

wealth in the complete reorganization of its school system on the most approved modern plan.

I am not prepared to recommend the adoption of this plan, as above described, but feel it my duty to bring it before you and the people of the town as the last movement in public school reorganization, and well worthy of your consideration, as it seems adapted to the needs of Acton in a very peculiar manner, as there would be no school buildings to discontinue, and none to remodel.

In closing this report I wish to thank the committee and the teachers for their continued and courteous cooperation, all through the year.

Respectively submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,

Superintendent of Schools.

Acton, December 28, 1915.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Superintendent F. H. Hill:

Dear Sir:—I herewith submit the report of the supervisor of drawing for the town of Acton, Mass.

There are many reasons why drawing should be taught in the schools. I could give at least forty reasons, if time and space were allowed in this report, and most of the reasons are given by prominent art critics of the country, namely, Henry Turner Bailey, Theodore M. Dillaway, Walter Sargent, Fred H. Daniels, Frederick Whitney, Katherine M. Ball, Helen E. Lucas, Annette J. Warner, etc. I will state here a few of the reasons, so parents may see what they are, if they don't already know.

1. Drawing helps to establish good habits of thought and action.
2. Gives skill of hand.
3. Gives power to express beauty.
4. Encourages originality or individuality.
5. Gives command of the language for expressing ideas of form.
6. Develops appreciation of the beautiful.
7. Develops the creative faculty.
8. Furnishes many a means of livelihood.
9. Increases interest in commonplace things.
10. Promotes enjoyment of life.
11. Is a help in other school studies.
12. Develops judgment.
13. Increases the desire for beautiful surroundings.

14. Drawing helps largely in the direction of industry, affects commerce and enriches life.

15. It helps to acquire good habits of thought and action, and it teaches forethought, concentration, self reliance and persistence.

The drawing in the schools this year has been a great success in nearly every class and school.

The grammar grades have shown a great improvement in their work. Nature drawing from berries, flowers, fruit and vegetables was completed early in the fall with good results. The color work is not as good as I would like to have it, but before the Spring term it will improve. Construction work, making projects suitable for gifts was very well done in all schools. Drawing from objects is the most difficult problem for a child, and I hope by the end of this year they will enjoy it, as much as they do construction and color work. The remainder of the year will be devoted to printing, mechanical drawing, designing for cloth, dishes, wall papers, etc.

The intermediate grades have improved in many things this year; namely; neatness, accuracy, and in originality. Some are still weak in color harmony, and originality, but as a whole there is an improvement over last year's work.

Many projects have been made for the holidays such as calendars, boxes, match scatchers and cards of all sorts. Nature drawing was not as succesful as I expected to have it. The remainder of the year will be devoted to designing, object drawing, printing, mechanical drawing. stencilling on cloth or paper, color harmony, nature drawing and cover designing.

In the primary grades the pupils are first taught to use the pencil correctly, then simple objects are drawn and colored. The pupil is trained to use color as carefully as his pencil. Color harmony is taught a little in these grades and rug designs, borders, wall paper designs are made and colored.

Many objects are made by folding, cutting and pasting, but later in the year measuring is used instead of folding.

The primary department has advanced rapidly this year, but there is still a chance for better work.

In closing my report, I wish to extend to our townspeople a cordial invitation to visit the schools and look over the work already completed by the pupils. It is encouraging for a child to have his friends and parents look at his work and visit the school.

I wish to thank all who have helped to advance the work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION CELESTE TAYLOR,
Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. F. H. Hill, Superintendent of Schools:

I submit the following as my sixth annual report on music in the schools of Acton, Mass.

Having written for last year's report, a general outline of the study of music as followed in these schools, I shall take it for granted that all who are interested in the subject read that outline and shall make this as brief as possible since we are working out similar problems in our classes by nearly the same methods and in like order, with the addition of new material for song study.

Through the efforts of the teachers of the West Acton school, a public exhibition of marching, singing, Folk-dancing and the May-pole dance, was given at the school building by the pupils, showing the educational value of the school Victrola.

There is a decided improvement in the two-part and three-part song study of the grammar grades of the South and West schools this year, perhaps more noticeable in these grades because we are not always as successful in stimulating the interest and effort necessary to well-balanced singing, at this period.

It is a recognized fact that a child's musical education begins with the study of music, rather than the study of notation and technique, that the first thing to do is to interest the child in music and then help him to make music.

The home environment may have supplied this interest and even the beginning of expression.

In that case, the work of the teacher is comparatively easy. If one element be taken at a time, there is no parti-

cular reason why expression and notation may not be studied at the same time.

In regard to rhythm or time, I find, in all classes where time-tapping has been required, a manifest gain, not only in the rhythm but in the reading.

The following extract I borrow from an article on "Elementary Music" written recently by J. L. Erb of University of Illinois.

"In the presentation of rhythm, working out the time values of notes is not enough, for that is merely a mathematical problem. Nothing short of actual tapping of the rhythm in strict time will accomplish the result. I know of no better cure for rhythmical uncertainty than a combination of metronome and pencil for tapping, backed by a persistent teacher 'behind the gun,' as it were."

In closing I would say that great credit is due the corps of Acton teachers for the conscientious effort in their music classes and I wish to thank all connected with me in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE M. GENTHNER,

ROLL OF HONOR

Not Absent or Tardy for One Year.*

South Acton—Upper Primary—Ralph Samsel.

South Acton—Intermediate—John Sullivan.

South Acton—Grammar—Essie Rudolph.

West Acton—Intermediate—Warren Boyce.

Acton Center—Primary—Ruth Mayell, Louis Livermore, Frederick Shaw, Jr.

Acton Center—Grammar—Edith S. Tuttle.

*The present State School register does not require the division of the school year into terms as formerly, and that division is not made in Acton.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST

School examined

	Number Enrolled	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
West	95	7	2	9
Center	84	10	1	4
South	136	6	3	8
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Total	315	23	6	21

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPTEMBER, 1915

	Boys	Girls	Total
Number of children between 5 and 7 years of age	35	41	76
Number of children between 7 and 14 years of age	127	113	240
Number of children between 14 and 16 years of age	26	24	50
Number of minors between 14 and 16 years of age who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language	0	0	0
Number of illiterate children 16 years of age or over and under 21 years of age	0	0	0
Total	188	178	376

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT

	South	West	Center
Number of cases investigated		9	4
Number returned to school		9	4
Number committed to truant school..	0	0	0
Estimated cost		\$4.50	\$3.50

SCHOOL SAVINGS

	No. Depositors	Amt. Collected
South Acton	70	\$249.97
West Acton	74	190.37
Acton Center	29	104.14
Totals	173	\$544.48

Number Graduated from Grammar Schools, 1915

	Boys	Girls	Total
Acton Center	5	3	8
West Acton	7	1	8
South Acton	4	4	8
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Totals	16	8	24

Acton Pupils in Concord High

	1916	1917	1918	1919	Total
Commercial course	3	6	4	4	17
College course	4	0	4	2	10
General course	1	2	2	0	5
Scientific course	2	0	1	1	4
Domestic Arts course	7	4	5	7	23
Mechanic Arts course	1	1	5	6	13
Agricultural course	1	2	2	4	9
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Total	19	15	23	24	81

Number Entering Concord High, September, 1915

	Boys	Girls	Total
Acton Center	4	2	6
South Acton	6	1	7
West Acton	5	4	9
East Acton	0	2	2
North Acton	1	0	1
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Totals	16	9	25

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1914-1915

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School	Grades	Different Pupils Enrolled	Total Membership	Net Registration	Aggregate Membership	Average Membership	Average Percent Attendance	Percent Attendance	No. between 5 and 7	No. between 7 and 14	No. between 14 and 16	Number Under 5	Number Over 16
West	1-2-3	* 17	† 21	36	...	34.00	30.57	87.63	* 11	† 13	* 6	† 8	* 0
	4-5-6	* 11	† 12	25	...	24.93	22.90	90.59	* 0	† 0	* 11	† 12	* 0
	7-8	* 19	† 14	34	...	31.14	29.43	94.59	* 0	† 0	* 15	† 13	* 0
South	1-2	* 25	† 26	52	...	47.30	41.50	89.21	* 17	† 19	* 8	† 7	* 0
	3-4	* 13	† 13	29	...	27.50	24.50	88.29	* 0	† 0	* 13	† 13	* 0
	5-6	* 20	† 17	37	...	32.01	29.69	92.98	* 0	† 0	* 19	† 15	* 0
Center	7-8	* 14	† 13	26	...	26.40	24.00	93.30	* 0	† 0	* 10	† 10	* 0
	1-2-3	* 21	† 22	40	...	37.60	36.20	97.04	* 9	† 12	* 12	† 10	* 0
	4-5-6	* 19	† 8	34	...	26.65	25.33	95.02	* 0	† 0	* 19	† 8	* 0
	7-8	* 17	† 8	25	...	22.52	21.27	92.95	* 0	† 0	* 12	† 8	* 0
		176	154	338	318	52,435	310.25	285.39	92.16	37.44	125.10	14.5	0
													1

* Boys † Girls

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